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Council urged to fly flag of

BANNER-WAVING Pro-Palestinian supporters lob-bied councillors arriving for

bied councillors arriving for Monday's important leadership vote at Walsall Council House.

They held placards urging the authority to fly the Palestinian flag in solidarity with people who had been affected by the conflict in Gaza. Glasgow and Fife in Scotland are the latest councils to agree to raise the standard. The black, white, green and red flag is already

standard The black, white, green and red flag is already flying in Bradford, Tower Hamlets and Preston.
Councillor Mohammed Arif, a member of the Walsall Coalition for Palestiniant Rights which organised the peaceful demonstration, was among a handful of councillors to take part.
He said: "The group is encouraging Walsall Council to do likewise but there are 60

do likewise but there are 60 councillors that need to be convinced.

"Some feelthat council lors should only concern themselves with Walsall matters. There's also an argument that international issues impact on people living in Walsall."

The group made its request for the Palestinian flag to be flown at the council house in writing on Friday to the leaders of the Labour, Tory, Lib-Dems and UKIP parties. A decision was yet to be taken.

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Self-defence for women

A MARTIAL arts group based in Willenhall is of-fering self defence classes aimed specifically at wom-en. Lions MMA Willenhall is inviting local women to the weekly lessons which start on September 3.

Sessions are at the Sha-Sessions are at the Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Gym, inside the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Willenhall. Nikki Kaur Sahota will be instructing each hour long lesson. Visit the Lions MMA Willenhall Facebook page for details.

BITE OR OR TOURIST,

Report by Katy-Rose Meaney

A TOURIST has been recovering this week after having a chunk of his ear bitten off in Magaluf by a clubber high on the mind-bending drug 'cannibal'. Connor Moore from Bloxwich was on his first holiday abroad when he was attacked in a nightclub called Bananas.

The 22-year-old from Ingram Road was partying with seven friends on July 28 when an Italian man pounced on him and sunk his teeth into

on July 28 when an Italian man pounced on him and sunk his teeth into the top of his ear. Connor passed out and was rushed to hospital.

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He said the attack was completely unprovoked. "It was like he was possessed out," he said. "I had lost my friends on the dance floor because it was so busy in there so I was taken to hospital alone.

TRIBUTES have been paid to a 'wonderful caring' skydiver who died when a fire broke out at his home.

Roger Still, aged 63, was found at the property near Walsall on August 3. He was heave as keen sky.

Shipment

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It is not the first disturbing case of its kind and police in Magaluf and Ibiza are aware of the rising problem.

Spanish police believe the drug is being sold in nightclubs after a large shipment arrived on the islands earlier this summer and, this month, health chiefs in Ibiza warned that British holidaymakers were being used as mines night but tailling. warned that British holidaymakers were being used as guinea pigs in the trialling of new drugs.

of new drugs.

The drug is sometimes referred to as a cocaine substitute and can be snorted, taken by mouth, or injected and can cause people to lash out by biting. It has been blamed for a recent attack in which a British tourist had to be handcuffed after bit-

ish tourist had to be handcuffed after bit-ing a policeman.

In Magaluf, a holidaymaker who was high on the party drug had to be restrained by 10 policeman after he was caught trying to bite sunbathers. The synthetic drug is made of bath salts, which contain a pow-erful stimulant called MDPV.

Show flies high despite rain



Sophia Macdonald-Barber, aged eight, from Darlaston, at the Walsall Town Show

THE annual Walsall Town Show will re-

THE annual Walsall Town Show will return next year after organisers vowed not to be put off by the bad weather which led to it being called off early this weekend. Up to 4,000 people enjoyed the activities on offer which ranged from displays to fair-ground rides on Saturday. But organisers were unable to attract the crowds on Sunday because of heavy downpours throughout the morning.

Bosses had hoped a crowd of up to 8,000 would turn out for the event – if the

weather had held out. Attractions at the event included the big foot trucks, along with wrestlers, vintage vehicles and steam

with wrestlers, vintage vehicles and steam engine displays.

Walsall Town Show was resurrected by Councillor Anthony Harris in 2009 to celebrate the 150th birthday of 'King of Showmen' Pat Collins. He said although numbers were down, along with money raised, the popular event would come back again after positive feedback from people who attended on the Saturday.

Pub pair left hurt after van hits them

ONE MAN has been seriously injured and another nurt following a hit-and-run as they walked along the pavement in Brownhills.

Police say the pair had just left a pub when they were hit by a van near to the Thai Lanna restaurant by the Wilkin Road and Hednesford Road junction at 12.50 am on Sunday.

The man who was most seriously injured and is being treated in hospital in Stoke and has been named locally as Gareth James.

The 42-year-old has been clearlied by police as having 'serious injuries'. The other was treated and released with minor injuries.

The van failed to stop and was alster recovered in Kingstanding and officers are now appealing for information and witnesses. The road was closed until around lunchtime.

The two men had been out the waterside and responding the month of the start of th

The two men had been

The two men had been socialising at The Waterside pub and the collision happened just after they left.

Co-manager Michael Palmer was one of the first on the scene. He saw a van go past as he was locking up. Mr Palmer, aged 51, said: "They were both just there on the floor. Everybody is gutted as they are the two most inoffensive lads you could ever want to meet." could ever want to meet

Anyone with information as been asked to call Force CID on 101.

Produce to go on show

WALSALL North Allotment WALSALL North Allotment Association's annual flow-er and vegetable show will take place in Bloxwich later this month. The old Blox-wich Baths, in Field Close,

wich Baths, in Field Close, will be the venue for the event on August 30.

Dozens of allotment holders in the Walsall area will be competing in 44 classes. Judging will take place between midday and 2pm. There will also be refreshments, a raffle and an auction of locally grown produce.

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1000s OF NEW FABRICS ALL AT ONE LOW PRICE IRRESPECTIVE OF CHOICE

Roger Still, aged 63, was found at the property near Walsall on August 3. He had been a keen sky-diver who completed

was recovering from a heart attack when he died Sunday last week at his home, in

he died Sunday last week at his home, in Brackendale Drive, Yew Tree on the Walsall-Sandwell border.

It is thought the fire was started by a discarded cigarette. Mr Still's sister Jenny Craddock, aged 44, of Redditch, said: "In his younger days he did 50 skydives and used to skipper barges. He used to be a really active person."

Mr Still, who used a motorised wheelchair, worked at Sandwell Council for 23 years until 2012.

50 jumps before being struck down by

housing officer suf-fered from severe multiple sclerosis and

Sandwell

former Council

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Ask for help, disabled visitors are told Business

DISABLED visitors to Walsall Man-or Hospital are being advised to ask for help after 60 parking spaces were closed to make way for a new

Several disabled parking bays are among the bays temporarily lost while the £4.7m development goes

LABOUR has wrestled back control of Wal

sall Council after 14 years following a crunch meeting over the leadership of the authority.

Three members of the party even flew back from their holiday to ensure they had enough people to back a motion to remove Conservative Councillor Mike Bird and appoint Labour's Sean Coughlan in

his place. The motion was carried with 31 votes for, 12 against, and 16 abstentions, mostly from the

Friends are

needed to fly

flag for site

VISITORS to the beauty VISITORS to the beauty spot Barr Beacon are being urged help set up a friends' group to promote the his-torical site and attract the prestigious Green Flag sta-

Similar groups have been formed at a number of Walsall's parks and volunteers carry out clean-up projects and help to plan future improvements.

Their efforts have helped Willenhall Memorial Park, Palfrey Park and Merrions Wood nature reserve to re-

tain their prestigious Green Flag awards this year.

Wood and Bentley Haye to gain Green Flag status. Barr Beacon Trust chair-

man Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "We know from the huge support we have had for events at the Beacon that people feel passionate about this important site.

"We would like to form a friends group to help us

plan future events, support and promote the beacon and

foster even greater pride among our communities.

be to work towards getting a Green Flag award at Barr Beacon."

"A future aim would also

It has also helped Rough

onservative group.
Mayor Pete Smith, an in-

dependent, voted with the Labour side.

Labour side.
Councillor Steve Craddock, UKIP member for Brownhills, was the only member missing.

Councillors Angela
Underhill, Gareth Illmann-Walker and Patti
Lane interrupted their holidays abroad to take part in
the political challenge. In

the political challenge. In the run-up to the vote, La-bour held 30 of the author-ity's 60 seats following the party's by-election win in the Birchills and Leamore

At an extraordinary meeting of the council on Mon-day, Councillor Coughlan pointed out that only 22,970

people had voted for the Conservative-Liberal Demo-

crat coalition which has held power for the last two years, compared to 43,990 voting

against it.

He pledged to focus on creating jobs for young people and providing social housing.

After the meeting he said:
"We provided a responsible opposition but the ultimate goal was to run Walsall

goal was to run Walsall Council. We believe we can do it better. I accept it's a

difficult time but there was

a consensus from our side that we were not going to jump up and down about the

outcome." Councillor Coughlan said

the authority now faced tough challenges to save £84m over the next four

ward.

against it.

further away from the ward where his sick wife Margaret, aged 74, was being treated.

Hospital chiefs said there are volunteers who can provide wheelchairs to help visitors who need it to get around the site and there were a small number of priority spaces near the main doors.

One disabled motorist Peter Atkins has complained he had to park Mr Atkins, also 74, of Ashtree Road, Pelsall, suffers from angina

and back problems and said he often arrived too late to get one of the disabled bays near the entrance and had not been offered assistance.

"I am concerned about all the disall am concerned about all the dis-abled people that are trying to see their relatives because you have to get to the hospital really early to get a disabled space as the car park gets

wing. That's about a quarter of a mile walk back for me to get from the car park near Pleck Road to her ward," Mr Atkins said.

Colin Plant of Walsall Health-care NHS Trust said: "For patients or visitors who require assistance to get around the hospital site, we have a number of volunteers avail-

BROADBAND services need to be improved in a Black Country borough to help boost business, a coun-cillor has said. ongested. able to help who can be accessed at "My wife was in the old west the main reception desk." Bird ousted as Labour regains council control

It was revealed earlier this year that at least 95 per cent of the Black Country will be connected to high-speed broadband within three years thanks to a £7.5 million boost.

The money provided under the Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) scheme will see a major investment in Broadband infrastructure in Dudley, Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Walsall. Run by the Black Country Run by the Black Country

Run by the Black Country Local Enterprise Partner-ship (LEP) the scheme aims to give 95 per cent of homes and businesses a chance to access superfast broadband by 2017.

Walsall Labour councillor Walsall Labour councillor Doug James says improved broadband is crucial to the borough. He said: "An es-sential part of Walsall's fu-ture is how our communities work with Government and

in call for

improved

broadband

It was revealed earlier

work with Government and business to provide high speed broadband. "Walsall must work to-wards making our town one of the best connected urban areas in the West Midlands. There is much to do. "Wal-sall needs all the help we can get."

Lily-Ella loses locks for charity



Lily-Ella Pugh,15, from Willenhall after having her head shaved for charity

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A TEENAGER has said goodbye to her shoulder-length locks and gone under the razor for charity.

Lily-Ella Pugh, 15, raised more than £500 for the Teenage Cancer Trust by having her head shaved.

Scores of people turned out at Chloe's Hair Salon in Willenhall to support Lily-Ella, who is a pupil at Coppice Performing Arts School in Wolverhampton.

She had the idea after watching the film The Fault in Our Stars, about a teenage

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couple who fall in love after meeting at a cancer support group. A family friend has also recently been diagnosed with cancer, so Lily-Ella was inspired to take action.

Her mother Leanne, a 36-year-old child-minder, said: "At first when she told me I was a bit worried but it really suits her, she looks absolutely beautiful.

"I'm not surprised she has done this as she has got such a strong personality and has always been very determined. I'm so proud of her," said Mrs Pugh.

The ones that project wants ASPIRING actors are want-

ed for a summer theatre project for young people. Great Wyrley group

Great Wyrley group Theatre First is running a production of the musical Grease and has room for more ensemble players.

more ensemble players.
Preparations are already
under way at the venue at
Forest Art Centre, in Walsall, where the sessions are
being run this year from
August 18-30 from 9am to
3.30pm except on Bank Holiday Monday.

The workshops costs £120 (£60 deposit). Contact 07971 378425 or go to theatrefirst@gmail.com.

Game for fun

A RANGE of games and crafts are due to take place at a holiday club being organised for the school break. It is aimed at five to 11-year-olds and is being held at Short Heath Methodist Church, Wesley Road, Willenhall today from 10am to noon. Admission £1.

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rail track danger HUNDREDS of young-sters are risking their lives by trespassing on railway tracks, latest figures claim.

A total of 145 trespassing incidents were recorded in the West Midlands between April and July this year. British Transport Police said more than half of

the trespassers were aged between 14 and 25.

Swapping suits

for running gear TWO of Walsall College's senior managers are gear-ing up to tackle the Bupa Great North Run.

Great North Run.
Fazal Dad, deputy principal for delivery and success, and Peter Merry, director of finance, will swap their suits for running gear when they raise money for charity on September 7.
They will be reiging

tember 7.
They will be raising money for Asthma UK and are aiming to reach £300.
The pair have been trailing to the collections to the collections to the collections.

ing together at the col-lege's academy health club. Chance to check

out wedding venue THE Moat House Hotel at

Acton Trussell, near Staf-ford, popular for wedding receptions, is hosting a weddings showcase event

next month.

The show is on Tues-

The show is on Tues-day, September 16, from 6-9pm.

There will be guided tours of the hotel available.
The 14th century moated manor house has

an award-winning restau-rant and function rooms.

Rally seeks end

to Gaza conflict

Planners backing £400m city plan

A NEW £400 million development has been an-nounced for Birmingham as

nounced for Birmingham as the city centre continues its huge overhaul.

Planning bosses have given the thumbs-up to the first part of the Arena Central scheme, which will see an eight-storey office block built on the site of the former ATV studios in Broad Street.

Detailed planning con-

Street.

Detailed planning consent has been given for the building, opposite Centenary Square, which will also house 140,000 sq ft of accommodation and 5,000 sq ft of retail space on the ground floor

round floor.

The building, 1 Arena Central, is the first step in the masterplan for the 9.2-acre site, where outline permissions are already in place for free permeables. place for office space, homes, 2,500 parking spaces and leisure and retail units.

leisure and refail units.
Jonathan Wallis from
Arena Central Developments Ltd, which is behind
the scheme, said: "With
reserved matters planning
consent now secured we
are poised to begin the first
phase of development at
Arena Central in earnest,
and 1 Arena Central could
be available to occupiers in be available to occupiers in mid-2016.'

Grand refurb not until 2017

THE £800,000 redevelopment of the Grand Theatre will not take place until 2017 at the earliest so as not to clash with work at the Civic.

Bosses at the historic

Bosses at the historic theatre are preparing for a major revamp after being given Government cash.

Work will be staggered so that two of the city's largest entertainment venues are not closed at the same time. A revamp of the Civic is due to start at the end of 2015.

It comes as leisure chiefs

It comes as leisure chiefs revealed they want more sport to be held at the Civic after its £10m refurb.

Brodie's a hero

A WALSALL girl is one of 10 UK finalists in the Build-A-Bear Workshop's Hug-gable Heroes community game heroes community service award. Brodie Mere-dith, aged 13, was picked for her work with the Livvy's Smile initiative, which aims to provides days out for dis-abled children.

Road improvements to get under way

WORK is set to begin on the next phase of a multi-million pound road improvement. Bla project to pave the way for major regeneration in Walsall.

The junction of Darlaston Road and Bescot Road will be widened next month to improve routes and cut congestion between

Beswick House, a former mental health services base, will be demolished as part of the £26 million pound Darlaston Strategic Development scheme, to improve a number

of routes near the M6 as part of the wider Black Country Enterprise Zone to bring in new business and create thousands of jobs.

Known locally as the Brown Lion junction, it will be improved with new traffic signals, a widened carriageway and extra lanes on three of the approaches.

Council bosses insistthe road upgrade is necessary for regeneration and would make it safer for drivers and pedestrians.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, portfolio

be improved as part of the measures and I'm delighted that we are now at the stage where work will start at the Brown Lion

"Better roads around the Black Country enterprise zone, which includes Darlaston, will mean we can unlock 40 hectares of land and create more than 3,000 jobs in the next few years. This junction is one of the busi-

"I'm confident that very shortly we'll be able to confirm the appointment of our highways contractor with work expected to start at the end of September."

The Black Country enterprise zone is an initiative involving the four boroughs of Walsall, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Sandwell.

All the work is expected to be completed

Thug jailed after threats of violence to woman,

Plea as rubbish dumped in street

UP to three tons of rubbish was dumped in a Walsall street close to houses and

businesses.

The rubbish, made up of recyclable materials such as plastics, was dumped in Balls Street, Chuckery.

Environmental health chiefs have labelled the in-

chiefs have labelled the incident as 'unacceptable' and are calling on any witnesses to the flytipping to come for-

to the flytipping to come forward.
Walsall's environment chief Councillor Chris Towe said an investigation had been launched, adding: "This flytipping has taken place in an area overlooked by residential properties and businesses and I would urge anyone who witnessed anything to get in touch. anything to get in touch.

"Clearing up flytipping costs the council, and ultimately our residents as tax-payers thousands of pounds per year. It is only right that those responsible pay the price for their actions."

price for their actions.

The council dealt with
3,389 incidents of fly-tipping, equating to around
1,695 tons of waste, in
2013/14 and it cost the authority £206,311.

Anyone with informa-

tion is asked to call 01922 653020 or email environ-mentalhealth@walsall.gov. uk



Pile of rubbish left dumped near homes and businesses in Balls Street, Chuckery, Walsall

A THUG who threatened to stab a terrified pregnant woman after holding her captive has been jailed for more than three years.

Benjamin Hasson demanded to know the where abouts of the 18-year-old woman's partner and refused to let her leave his flat in Bloxwich Road South, Willenhall.

After threatening her, he forced the woman and a 13-year-old girl who was with her at the time into a taxi and demanded to be

a taxi and demanded to be taken to Anthony Kelly. After being driven two miles to King Charles Av-enue in Bentley, Walsall, Hasson found Mr Kelly and rasson found Mr Kelly and repeatedly punched and kicked him. He was left with injuries to his eye and nose. Birmingham Crown Court heard that the incident was all over the payment of an electricity bill.

electricity bill.
Hasson, aged 35, admitted offences of kidnap and assault on October 30. He also pleaded guilty to a separate charge of possession of £30 of cannabis. He was jailed for a total of 45 months.
Miss Madhu Rai, prosecuting, said the kidnap victim was five months pregnant at the time of her or-

nant at the time of her ordeal, which lasted for more

than an hour.

She said that after Hasson ushered her and the teenager into his home, he shouted for her boyfriend's phone number and told her that she was not going an-ywhere and that he would beat her up. He also made threats of stabbing her and

across all family courts in England.

More drug courts 'needed

A NEW court which aims to support to the children of al-coholics and drug addicts should be brought to the West Midlands, family lawyers say.

The Family Drug and Alcohol Court aims to get quick decisions in cases where families are affected by alcohol or drug misuse. Childcare specialist Robert Pearce, of Mid-land firm mfg Solicitors, said FDACs should be introduced screen all Earthy courts in England.



Jail - Benjamin Hasson pouring boiling fat over her, Miss Rai said.

After being made to get into the taxi, the terrified pair were taken to Bentley where the assault took place inside a house. Ms Julia inside a house. Ms Julia Smart, for the defence, said the issue had arisen as Mr Kelly owed money to Hasson over payment of an electricity bill.

Hassan, who has previ-ous convictions for robbery affray and assault, initially

denied the offences.
Sentencing him, Judge
Nicholas Webb said: "You
behaved in a threatening manner to a young woman.
You detained her for about an hour in which you were persistently aggressive.

A PEACE rally calling for an end to the Gaza conflict was held in Walsall town centre.

The aim was to raise funds for the Palestine Support Coalition to send food and medical supplies for the victims.

for the victims.

Organisers changed the date to allow supporters to attend a major demonstration in London.

Bikes nuisance

ILLEGAL off-road bikes have been causing a nui-sance to visitors at Pleck Park, Walsall. Police have stepped up action following complaints. Repeat offenders can have their bikes seized by officers.



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I HAVE just bought one of the 888,246 ceramic poppies planted at the Tower of London to mark the centenary of the First World War. I urge you to do the same before they are snapped up by the spivs. Today's cherished souvenir has a nasty habit of becoming tomorrow's earner on eBay.

BACK in 1914-18. people would have been pleased and surprised that their sacrifice was remembered, 100 years on, by the sale of such poppies to support military charities. Mind you, the shilling-a-day soldiers of the First World War would have been even more surprised that the price of a ceramic poppy was £25.

AFTER my item on the use of pigeons to carry messages in the First World War, a reader asks if these intelligent birds were ever used in a military coo.

SIR - I await with interest the first report of road rage between two driverless cars. (Letter to Daily Telegraph)

IT seems, little by little, the Government is paying the It seems, little by little, the Government is paving the way for genetically modified (GM) foods, even though polls repeatedly show most people are against the stuff. We are told that the first GM crops to be "enriched with nutrients to improve health" will be harvested soon from a field trial in Britain. A crop of false flax has been tampered with so In Britain. A crop of laise lax has been tampered with so that its seeds will produce an oil rich in fatty acid which is normally only found in fish. They will feed this stuff to farmed fish. We will then eat the fish. What could possibly go wrong? Our leaders have been well and truly lobbied by the massively rich and quite unstoppable GM industry.

POINTLESS inventions. The latest fishing-kit catalogue arrives at Chateau Rhodes offering camouflaged boots. You see the problem? Dammit, I definitely put them down



IF Boris Johnson is the answer, it must be a very, very strange question.

A READER rages about a think-tank report showing that spending on infrastructure is £5,426 per head in London but only £223 in the North East. There is a simple explanation. Londoners need the new £15,000 million Crossrail project. Geordies need a shed for the whippet.

IN these days of equality, tolerance and human rights In trases days or equality, tolerance and numan rights it is inevitable that the declared aim of a new sperm bank funded by the NHS is to help all couples, including lesbians. Nothing wrong with that. What strikes me as odd is that folk will be able to choose the ethnicity and eye and hair colour of the donor. So you'll be able to strike a blow for equality, tolerance and human rights, while making quite sure you get a baby of the "right" colour.

SO WHAT exactly was the point of the RAF Typhoon escorting an airliner into Manchester Airport after a passenger allegedly claimed he had a bormb? What was the pilot supposed to do – shoot it down? The sight of the Typhoon so close to the passenger plane put the fear of God into those on board. The scariest flying experience I've ever had came when a pair of RAF Phantoms appeared on either side of our Tristar on the descent into the Falklands

AFTER my recent item on the driver in Dorset who was AFIEH my recent item on the driver in Dorset who was issued with a summons for sounding a Dixieland horn, a reader recalls an incident in Weymouth in 1973 when he was a passenger in a mate's vintage American Willys deep. "We were pulled over and I was given a right royal "******ing about the noise coming from the exhaust." When I pointed out that the steering wheel was on the other side and I wasn't the driver, the copper called me a smart **** and told us to ****** off."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Happy hope for hippo's upgrade Questions IT has been a much-loved landmark shoppers commented on his state of generation boss at Walsall Council,



Revamp - The Hippo at the Bridge

in the town centre for more than 40 years, but Walsall's famous Hippo is

years, but Walsall's famous Hippo is now hungry for a revamp.

The sculpture has been smiling at shoppers from its spot on The Bridge since 1972, but, after 42 years, is starting to show his age.

The council has now agreed to give the statue a makeover and plan to spruce him up with a jet wash and a new ear after concerned

shoppers commented on his state of disrepair, including his mottled skin and worn-away ear.

The statue was never officially named but over the years has been called George, after the character on TV show Rainbow, Harry or Hoppy. It cost £500 to install.

Work will begin this week and he will not have to be removed while it takes place.

generation boss at Walsall Council, said: "Our town centre hippo has been damaged over the years and has lost an ear. We have decided he needs a makeover and a little bit of love.

"The revamp will be done where he is, he won't need to leave his

spot.
"This is a small-cost repair and he should be as good as new in no

I thought my guide dog had been killed

A BLIND man feared his faithful guide dog had been killed after it was savaged by a Staffordshire bull ter-

Five-vear-old labrador There-Five-year-old labrador There-sa, owned by Alistair Dunbar, of Willenhall, suffered punc-ture wounds to her neck dur-ing the attack, which happened in Woolpack Alley, off Dudley Street Street.

Street.

Eye-witnesses said the owner of the bull terrier – believed to be a local homeless man – lost control of the dog before it began barking wildly and clamped its jaws around which are the guide dog's neck, swinging it around like a rag-doll. The dog eventually relinquished his grip after local butchers kicked him, doused him in cold water and repeatedly struck him with an iron bar.

struck him with an iron bar.

Mr Dunbar, who is blind and relies on Theresa to help him carry out his daily routine, said the attack on August 1 had left him severely traumatised.

"I am absolutely distraught. I could hear my dog yelping and I knew something was wrong. When it quietened down I thought she was dead," said the 64-year-old from Willenhall.

Stitches

"The whole thing was probably over in a few minutes, but it felt like it lasted an eternity. I was covered in blood from head to toe."

The guide dog was taken to the vets and had to have multiple

the vets and had to have multiple stitches in her neck. Police are currently investigat-ing. Butchers Bill Ions, Steven Fos-ter and Richard Ashton ran out of Michael Kirk, in Woolpack Alley, when they heard the attack outside the shon

when they heard the attack outside the shop.

Mr Ions, aged 62, said: "The Staffie had its jaws around the guide dog's neck and straight away I thought 'he's going to kill him here'. "Richard kicked him a few times, but he wouldn't let go, so Stephen threw a bucket of cold water over him. I got an iron bar from the shop and kept hitting him until he let go. It was quite shocking." "

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Alistair Dunbar with his guide dog Theresa. He feared his dog had been killed in the attack

New pharmacy HQ tonic for town centre

THE opening of a new multi-million pharmacy headquarters is another "piece in the jigsaw" of a town centre regeneration, a council hoss has said

The £3 million Jhoots base is being built at the corner of Littleton Street West and Hatherton Street, Walsall, and will create more than

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velop. Regeneration chief councillor Adrian Andrew said: "I want to thank Jhoots and Jessup for into thank shoots and gessip for in-vesting in our town. This is another piece in the jigsaw of regenerating our borough and creating jobs for local people. "This is an excellent example of restrainching weaking with the pri

partnership working with the private sector and through the Black Country Enterprise Partnership. I am proud of the role I and the council have played in securing this exciting investment," he added.

Manjit Jhooty, managing director of Jhoots Pharmacy Group, said: "We currently employ around 220 staff across the UK. Given our 220 staff across the UK. Given our plans for expanding our business into new areas – including tele health, weight management train-ing, and export services – we need a new headquarters from which to

a new headquarters from which to drive our business forward. "We are grateful to Walsall Council for their encouragement to develop it on the site at Hatherton Street, ideal for our purposes."

over crash death of car driver

A driver has died after it is believed he fell ill at the wheel and hit a stationary vehicle off a busy roundabout in Darlaston, claim

police.

Paramedics tried to revive the man, thought to be

vive the man, thought to be in his 60s, but he was confirmed dead at hospital.

Emergency services were called to the junction of Midland Road and The Green after reports of a Nissan Micra being involved in a collision at 8.10am on August 5.

Police are appealing for the driver of a silver Mercedes SLK who they believe may have have impor-

lieve may have have impor-tant information to come forward

Sergeant Paul Hughes, from the collision investi-gation unit, said: "It is very important the driver of the silver Mercedes contacts me or one of my team as soon as possible.

"We strongly believe the

"We strongly believe the driver will be in a position to help us with important information that will help us piece together how the collision happened.

"The family of the man

collision happened.

"The family of the man who died have been informed and specialist officers continue to liaise with them at this sad time."

Anyone with any informa-tion can call unit on 101.

Death of house blaze man, 63

THE investigation into the death of a man following a house fire in Walsall is being referred to the Black Country coroner.

The 63 year-old man, who has not been formally identified, was confirmed dead in Brackendale Drive, Yew

It is believed a discarded cigarette sparked the blaze. The fire service, paramedics and police attended .

West Midlands Police spokesman Pete Edney said: "The death is not being treated as suspicious and a report will be prepared for the coroner in due course."

Holiday club

A CHILDREN'S holiday club is being held this week at Green Lane Baptist Church, in Burrowes Street, Walsall. Sessions started on Waisail. Sessions started on Monday, from 10am to mid-day and run for five days. The cost is £1 per day. More details can be found at glbc.





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Van men in night raid on gardens

THIEVES targeted garden ornaments including a bench and bird table during a crime spree in Walsall, a court heard.

Lee Randall and David Holden went around in a white van to steal the items write van to steat the items worth hundreds of pounds from Clayhanger. A member of the public saw them acting suspiciously in Allerdale Road and called police on July 10 at around 2.25am.

2.25am.
Randall, aged 26, of Chaucer Road, Blakenall, and Holden, also 26, of Church Street, Bloxwich, appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court

at Walsall Magistrates Court and each pleaded guilty to four counts of theft.

They took a stone bench and bird table worth £50 each, and various other items with a view to selling them on. Miss Maxine McIntosh, prosecuting, said officers arrived and found the van abandoned, with both men hiding in bushes.
They each admitted the charges relating to the theft of garden ornaments. Mr John Walker, defending

charges relating to the theft of garden ornaments. Mr John Walker, defending Randall and Holden said they were both having do-mestic problems. District Judge Michael Morris ordered a pre-sen-tence report in the case of Holden. He adjourned the case for sentencing of both

Booster on broadband

THE Government's rollout of superfast broadband has now reached more than a million homes and business-es across the UK, Culture Secretary Sajid Javid has announced.

announced.

Across the Midlands, around 115,000 homes and businesses are now connected to the fast fibre broadband service and in the West Midlands the figure is 42,000 including more than 10,000 in Staffordshire and 1,400 in Worcestershire.

The rollout is on track to

The rollout is on track to extend superfast broadband to 95 per cent of UK homes and businesses by 2017.

Birthday poll

MOTHERS across the Black Country say the num-ber one reason for throw-ing a birthday party is to make their children happy, a survey has revealed. The poll was carried out by the Broadway Wacky Ware-house in Willenhall and so-cial network Netmums.

First no cold calling zone aims to cut crime



Principal trading standards officer, Brian Jones, promotes initiative

THE first no cold calling zone has been set up in Walsall in a bid to reduce doorstep crime in the area.

More than 700 residents responded to a

More than 700 residents responded to a public consultation in Bentley and said they were in favour of the zone going ahead.

The scheme, launched last week, is the brainchild of Walsall Trading Standards, which has worked in partnership with local councillors, community safety teams, Walsall Housing Croup, workshowshed, was sall Housing Group, neighbourhood man-

agement teams and police.

It comes after a spate of distraction burglaries and doorstep crime in and around ing would-be traders they are not welcome and should refrain from calling in the area.

A total of 63 streets were covered as part of the consultation process and each property was issued with a sticker to put up in their window warning off cold callers.

Councillor Chris Towe, cabinet member for environment, said: "Evidence suggests that bogus cold callers and rogue traders have been directly responsible for a significant number of doorstep crimes within the

area.
"For many older and more vulnerable

ing or intimidating.

"With the help of the police and other

partners, Trading Standards officers have erected signs and stickers in the Bentley area warning door to door sellers that they are not welcome.

"This has proven to be a success in other parts of the country and helps to reduce doorstep crime. The effectiveness of the Bentley zone will be closely monitored."

Bentley is the first area in the borough

Crackdown cuts wrong pe of rubbish in bins

wrong kind of rubbish has almost halved in the last year, following a controversial recycling crackdown.

Binmen were ordered not to collect rubbish which

Binmen were ordered not to collect rubbish which contained the wrong kind of items for recycling as a zero-tolerance approach by Walsall Council. It was launched in November 2012 and led to thousands of bins not being collected across the borough. Latest figures from July 2013 to June 2014 reveal there were 41,151 reports of contaminated bins. This compared to 78,589 during the same period for the previous year. go to Manor

TWO more ambulances a day are being diverted to Walsall Manor Hospital instead of Stafford following a cut in the number of beds available. They are among 30 a day

now being sent elsewhere because of staffing shortages

because of staffing shortages at Stafford. It comes after West Midlands Ambulance Service was asked to make alternative arrangements for 15 patients a day due to the hospital having fewer beds and a shortage of staff, on top of the 15 already diverted when Stafford's accident and emergency department is closed at night. Details were revealed at a meeting at Staffordshire

Stafford and Surrounds
Clinical Commissioning
Group made the decision
after Stafford Hospital cut
60 beds.

atter Stafford Hospital cut 60 beds. Lee Washington, general manager for the ambulance service in Staffordshire, said: "It has been a difficult

procedure.

"The arrangements have been in place six weeks and have been working well."

vious year.
Council chiefs say the number of bins found with the wrong kind of waste is now less than one per cent.

now less than one per cent.
Concerns were raised at the start of the recycling crackdown when officers began checking green bins.
Those found to contain things such as food, nappies and bousehold wester re-

things such as food, nappies and household waste re-ceived a yellow sticker and were not emptied, sparking a flurry of complaints from angry residents.

The council said it had

been forced to make a stand after a drop in the recycling rate, meaning more tax pay-ers cash was being spent sending rubbish to landfill.

Environment chief, councillor Chris Towe said they were striving to reduce the the amount of contaminated bins even further

"While contamination is

unacceptable it is important to look at the figures in context," he said.
"In total we empty bins

weekly from more than 100,000 properties which amounts to more than 11 amounts to more than 11 million collections per year of household rubbish, recycling and garden waste."

A little tipple keeps lvy ticking over



lvy Hatfield celebrates her milestone birthday with her card from the Queen and her birthday cake

A DROP of whisky in her tea is the secret of longevity for a great-great grandmother who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Ivy Hatfield was born in Brownhills West to parents Jayne and Ernest Lloyd in 1914. to parents Jayne and Ernest Lloyd in 1914.
As a child she attended the town's Watling Street School and had six brothers and sisters, Jack, Frank, Freda, Thelma, May and Ernie, all of whom she has outlived. The family lived in The Buildings, in Watling Street, where The Crown pub now

After finishing school, aged 14, she

worked at electrical factory Crabtree's, in Walsall, for two years before going into domestic service for a Birmingham family.

She married husband Henry, in Saltley, Birmingham, in 1935. Sadly he died in 1959 aged 45."I do like a little whisky in my tea that's what keeps me going. I also like to

She has three children John, aged 77 Glyn, 70 and Maureen, 74, who lives Down Under, nine grandchildren, 16 great grand-children and eight great-great grandchil-dren and three more on the way.



Ivy seen as a young woman

TWO parks which have retained their Green Flag TWO status have been hailed as a brilliant boost to a Black Country borough. Palfrey Park and Willen-hall Memorial Park both

attract more than a million visitors a year and have maintained their status.

maintained their status.

Leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said:
"We're all delighted that the judges have decided Palfrey and Willenhall deserve to retain their Green Flag status.

"I'd like to place on record my thanks to council staff in clean and green

Charlotte gets apprenticeship

A FORMER Black Country student has beaten off competition to secure an apprenticeship with a multi-national engineering electronic giant electronic giant.

Charlotte Hall who at-tended the Black Country University Technical Col-lege (UTC) has successfully won a healthcare engineer-ing spot with Siemens.

The 17 year-old did a course at the Walsall-based college last year and will now spend the next four years studying and work-ing at various hospitals.

Black Crowes star to play at Robin2

GUITARIST and songwrit-er Rich Robinson from US rock band The Black Crowthe Robin2, Bilston.

He will appear with his own band at the venue, on

own band at the venue, on November 17.

Tickets in advance are £20, but the club is also selling 10 VIP tickets for £70 which includes, an exclusive acoustic set and a superior and answer sees. question-and-answer ses-sion with the star.

65 new homes given go-ahead

PLANNERS have granted outline planning permission for a new estate of 65 homes.

homes.

This site off Burntwood
Road, Norton Canes, Staffordshire is for bungalows,
two storey detached and
semi-detached houses.

Positions from the vill

Residents from the vil-lage have welcomed the projects for the extra hous

Peak walking

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers head to the Peak District on Sunday, offer-ing views of Littlemoor Brook in a 9.5 mile walk. Non members are welcome. Call 01922 451856 or 07880 782 850.



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IN MY VIEW

IN January 2012, I had a minor shunt in the car. Damage was limited to a broken number plate ilmited to a proken number plate and a bit of bumper scuffing. Nobody was hurt, and I never at any point suggested it was any-body's fault but my own.

So why is it, more than two-and-a-half years later, I suddenly find myself inundated with

and-a-half years later, I suddenly find myself inundated with phone calls from people telling me I am entitled to compensation from the injuries I received?
One company, calling itself Access To Justice, has been particularly prolific. After every call, I have been assured that I have been removed from the database, and that I won't be hearing from them again. After probably more than a dozen calls, they finally seem to have

calls, they finally seem to have gone quiet. Interestingly, these characters have also come to the attention of an organisation called the Access To Justice Foundation, which has stressed that it has no connection to the calls

connection to the calls.

"The activities of these callers are the subject of an ongoing investigation to identify the responsible company and take appropriate action," says the trust's website. I would like to trust's website. I would like to have helped, but the calls always come from a withheld number, and they always seem very guarded about giving out any information about themselves.

So where did they get their in-accurate information from? Well a call from another similar company, this time called Pinpoint, let the cat out of the bag.

A few weeks earlier, I had used

A lew weeks earlier, I raid used a company which said it would be able to get me a cheaper deal on my car insurance. I had been quite pleased with the service I received the previous year, getting my premium down from more than £400 to just £200. But this year, it involved exercises. this year it involved spending more than an hour on the phone

with no end result.

Anyway, it transpires that by answering that company's questions, I had also unwittingly con-

sented to having my answers sold on to other parties. So if your car insurance is due for renewal shop around by all means, but make it clear that you do not consent to having your information procedure. your information passed on to anybody in the accident claims

A FEW weeks ago, I jokingly suggested that Deirdre 'White Dee' Kelly off Benefits Street must be on the Conservatives' payroll. Now it seems a think tank has booked her for the party conference. ty conference.

ty conference.

Her agent Barry Tomes says:
"Dee is very excited. She has
lots of ideas about how to improve benefits."
You don't say. "Hopefully
she'll get to have a drink with Mr

Now that I would pay money o see, Dee and Dave downing hots on the Carnage tour of

It would be like a proletarian version of the Bullingdon Club.



Captain America and the Red Skull by Mike Perkins Mike Perkins with some of his artwork in the exhibition Mike outside the gallery featuring the display in Paris





Marvel-ous Mike and his super art

DANNY FARRAGHER

speaks to a former Black Country artist whose Marvel comic artwork is now on exhibition in Paris

IN their infancy their artwork was decried as cheap, base and it was even accused of corrupting the minds of America's youth.

So it's fair to say that since the first superhero Superman appeared in the 1930s the art of comics, or graphic novels as many are now known, has come a long way.

If you want evidence then the Art Ludique Galerie on the banks

Art Ludique Galerie on the banks of The Seine in Paris is staging an exhibition, until the end of August, detailing 75 years of Marvel comics. Among the work in this prestigious gallery are examples of Wolverhampton's own Marvel-lous artist Mike Perkins. Mike, originally from Bushbury, now lives in Florida and is among the most respected illustrators in the Marvel stable with his work producing some of the best known characters from the comic giant's catalogue including Captain America, The Fantastic Four, X-Men and Thor.

Autograph

At conventions throughout the world Mike's work, autograph and pose for a photograph is always in big demand. Not bad for a local lad whose earliest memo-

bad for a local lad whose earliest memories are of comies and wanting to draw.
"I believe I first picked up a comic at the age of two – swiftly followed by a pencil and a piece of paper. I have vivid memories of drawing the Lone Ranger in nursery class – so I would have been, about, four years old."

Jump ahead eight years and the young Perky, as he was known to his friends,



Mike with an image of Captain America which is recognised the world over

was making his own comics (Future Tense, Warp 10), photocopying them and selling them at St Peter's Colle-giate School, Compton Park during lunchtime - with a cunningly attached fun-size Mars bar as a further incen-

ve. This seems a million miles away from Art Ludique Galerie's exhibition and Mike, now 44, was seriously impressed to see his work hanging in the gallery.

"It was truly an honour to be included in the exhibition with many of the artworks shown playing inspira-

tion to my own illustrations of Captain America that were spotlighted in the To be exhibited in Paris in a world

class gallery, on the banks of The Seine!
"Well, it's a dream come true and one
that any artist would love to be a part

"I appreciate how lucky I am but I also recognise how much hard work has gone into producing quality work to the

point of it being exhibited in this way."
And as ever it's not just Mike's artistic work which is in big demand.

"While I was over there I also took part in a panel discussion with writer Mike Carey from the Comics Unmasked Exhibition at The British Library."

Exhibition at The British Library." Perky has been focused on his career, never once thinking he was going to be anything else other than an artist.
"I was nurtured on a steady diet of 2000AD, Captain Britain and Doctor Who monthly, and got a Saturday job in a local comic shop, The Place, where I was not only exposed to a wider world of comics but also to the professional side of the industry while attending markets around England."
After studying at Bournville College

around England."

After studying at Bournville College of Art, Perky then went on a business course to get to grips with being an artistic entrepreneur and set himself up as a graphic designer and illustrator.

"It was duping this time I wooled."

a graphic designer and illustrator.
"It was during this time I worked on promotional materials, books, magazines, album designs and computer game development. In 1993 I hooked up with Temple Rogers Artists Agents and that really kick-started my comics and illustrating career."
"I was given Commissions in 2000AD for Future Shocks and Judge Dredd stories

"Then while living in Poland I con-Then while living in Poland I continued to create work for Marvel UK, Henderson Publishing, Dorling Kindersley and Caliber Comics as well as further work for 2000AD and Nowa Fantastyka."

He has recently finished the 31 issue

He has recently finished the 31 issue adaptation of Stephen King's The Stand which earned a place on the New York Times Bestseller list and then moved on to illustrating Astonishing X-Men.

Mike has been nominated numerous times for Eisner awards, which is the comics industry's "Oscars", and Harvey Awards for outstanding achievements in comic books and has won the Eagle Award.

Mike is currently launching a new Deathlok book from Marvel and the first issue will be out in October. Visit www. mikeperkinsart.com.

WEEK IN POLITICS

ONE of the many buzz words kicked around by central government is 'localism' but it turns out to mean absolutely nothing. Take, for example, the case of Sandwell Council and its sting-

sandwell council and its sting-ing rebuke from the High Court over its attempt to stop itself funding 'benefits tourism'. The Government decided it would be up to councils to de-cide how much, if any, discount on council tax they would offer to working-age people of limited

means.
Under the Welfare Reform Act, the Government replaced council tax benefit with a grant. But it only covered 90 per cent of the bill, leaving councils to find or save the other 10 per cent. Some, such as Wolverhampton, came up with new models to charge a small amount of council tax. Others carried on as before, but just absorbed the hit. fore, but just absorbed the hit.

Sandwell tried to be clever. It was prepared to take the hit but didn't want to cover the costs of new arrivals as well. So it introduced a 'residency test'. Although the example of bene-fits tourists from costly areas of

Institutists from costly areas of London was given in court, the theory applied more locally.

Sandwell was effectively erecting a wall around itself to stop people from Wolverhampton or other nearby areas, where the cost was passed on to residents, from proving a few miles. the cost was passed on to residents, from moving a few miles down the road where their annual bills would be less, at the expense of the residents already living there.

But it fell foul of the High

Court. And now it's left the coun of tens of thousands to the tune of tens of thousands of pounds of legal fees. And it faces the headache of having to appeal or look at its system all over again. It also exposes the futility of

it also exposes the trutility of the 'localism' agenda. Councils were given the power to decide how to cope with these changes themselves, but then the High Court can intervene and overrule the decisions of democratically elected councillors.

There are just three months left before the trust running Stafford Hospital gets dissolved. After years of inquiries and efforts to turn it around, people in

Stafford now face being left with a pale shadow of what they once

Thousands have marched through the streets in protest. Some even took to setting up tents to fight for a better alter-

native.

Kate Godfrey, Labour's candidate for Stafford in next year's General Election, thinks Tory incumbent Jeremy Lefroy should stand down and trigger a by-election to force the Government to take paties. He dies ernment to take notice. He dis ernment to take notice. He dis-agrees, saying it will leave Staf-ford without representation and anyone fighting for the hospital when it needs it most. The political battle for Stafford

will come next year. For now, campaigners have bigger things to worry about.

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money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when

we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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rights and wrongs. I appreciate of course

MY wife and I are sickened by the heartbreaking scenes of the people and in particular, the blood-soaked screaming children who are being blown apart by Israeli bombs and guns day after day in Gaza.

Scenes like these bring shame on the rest of the world who are standing back and letting this happen simply because Israel is seen as one of the 'few friendly faces' that the West have in this part of the world.

Be that as it may, this does not excuse what they are doing in Gaza whatever the rights and wrongs. I appreciate of course

MR AND MRS KYTE

Great Water of appalling abuse throughout history and feel that if outside help is not forthcoming that they are they are the right just a standing themselves. What is taking place now however is barbaric. Surely, there are enough collective 'friendly forces' in the world to be able to put a stop to this 'tit for tat' killing where children (even babies) appear to be the prime victims.

MR AND MRS KYTE

Great Wyrley

Great Wyrley

So hurt at **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

theft from our garden

I LIVE in a block of flats. The communal garden here I tended when Walsall in Bloom existed for it to win

The garden was a place of

serenity, a place or serenity, a place for people to meet and enjoy.

My friend, with her osteoprosis and arthritis had a fall. She fractured her sternum and damaged the tendence and muscle in her tendons and muscles in her shoulder. So whilst helping her, the gardening had to

stop.

Returning now to doing for all to some gardening, for all to enjoy, I discovered all of the crock pots had been emptied of plants and disappeared. Later clearing from around the greenhouse, I discovered just one white bulb bowl. I then realised all of the other

bowls had also gone.

Now within a week, someone had come to take the

last of the bowls.

Most times I ride above the sadness caused by others to look for answers. But the loss of that one last bowl

hurt.

R HAMMOND

Walsall

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

It's time that counci staff got facts right

paper spread regarding the markets, in particular Dar-

markets, in particular Darlaston.
Whilst it's good that there is a profit being made somewhere on the council's books, 'they' can't even get the facts right regarding Darlaston.
The council claims that

Darlaston.

The council claims that the market was held in King Street and High Street, being axed three years ago to save £60,000 but there hasn't been a High Street in the town centre for over 20 years. The street disappeared in the clearance of the old town, when the first Asda store reared its ugly head and the area was pedestrianised.

destrianised.

Part of High Street was given the grand name of

REFERRING to the news- the Coleman Centre and

the rest of the street disap-peared under the new store.

Asda went to the wall eventually and some years later, the present store rose from the ashes. Now High Street is under the car park, alongside King Street. The site passes in front of the store, past the entrance and in front of the memorial gar-

den, to St Lawrence Way.
There are people running
around the Council House,
suited and booted, on high
salaries funded by the borsataries funded by the obrough's tax payers, carrying clip boards, with name tags around their necks to remind them who they are, making decisions for areas they blatantly know nothing short.

ing about.

P POOLE, Willenhall

bus station SURELY the powers that be

and the shopkeepers have noticed how filthy the bus station and the arcade lead-ing from the bus station to Park Street are.

They are in such a filthy and unhealthy state, cov-ered in cigarette ends, pigeon droppings and other rubbish.

rubbish.

The shops in the arcade must be like serving customers from a pigeon loft.

Whoever is responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of these areas is letting Walsall down really badly badly

It is time to get it all cleaned up.

The bus station is the first

thing that visitors to the town see when they get off the bus and if, as they say, first impressions count it must give people a very poor impression of the town. impression of t
A TAYLOR
Walsall

Vital to get help quickly

WE keep hearing how vital it is that you get expert help as quickly as possible if you suffer a heart attack, stroke or other medical emergen-

Consider all the people who live in Stafford who are shortly to lose their local hospital. Their emergencies will have to be transported the 10 miles to Walsall or 20 miles to Stoke for treatment. This makes no sense.

Do the NHS not have a duty of care for the people of Stafford?



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Comedy night held to mark victim's birthday

to mark the birthday of a Brownhills man killed in a hit-and-run - as a fund in his memory has reaches almost £2.000.

A comedy show by emerging Black County comedian Jonny Cole is being held in aid of the brain injury charity Headway. It has been organised by the family of 24-year-old Jamey Coleman, who would have celebrated his birthday next month.

He was knocked down on the A5
Watling Street in Brownhills in March
while on his way back from the nearby
White Horse pub.
The gig will take place at the Anchor

Inn, Chester Road, on September 19 from 9pm. Tickets are £5 and will be available from the pub.

Fitting

Jamey's sister Simone has helped to organise the event said it would be a fitting event for Jamey.
"He was always at the Anchor and he loved comedians. I am amazed the amount we have raised so far in such a short period of time. Everyone has helped, friends, the community and families

"Everyone seems to have come together to help us."
A page has been set up on the Just-Giving website in Jamey's honour and £1,918 has already been raised.

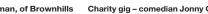
The aim is to raise £10,000 for Headway, as even if Jamey had survived he would have needed the char-

ity's support.

Following the crash on March 30, friends rushed back to the pub to raise the alarm, while others tried to help Jamey as he lay at the roadside.

The former Brownhills Community







School pupil, who worked at Cannock Chemicals, was rushed to the head trauma unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham but later

Around 300 people attended his fu-neral at St John's Church in Walsall Wood on April 15.

In a tribute on the www.justgiving. com/Jamey-Coleman/ page Simone

said: "My brother Jamey, nicknamed Jay-c, was a 24-year-old lad who lived for his mates, there was never a dull moment when Jamey was around.

"He was a kind hearted young man always up for a laugh, always had a cheeky smile on his face.

"He would have done anything for

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Mayor welcomed as guild president



Current Mayor Pete Smith, front, with past mayors, from left, Brian Douglas-Maul, Bill Madeley, Norman Matthews, Gary Clarke and Dennis Anson

FORMER mayors of Walsall have welcomed the borough's current first citizen as their new member and have asked him to be president of their guild during his term in office. The Walsall Guild of Former Mayors seeks to sustain, promote and enhance the civic dignity of Walsall.

promote and enhance the civic dignity of Walsall.
Councillor Pete Smith accepted his role as president of
the guild at a formal presentation in the mayor's parlour.
He said: "Walsall's Mayoralty is steeped in history dating
as far back as 1377. I will continue to perform the civic
duties that the guild so proudly strives to protect and look
forward to working with its executive members to keep
Walsall's history alive. The public are always welcome to
visit me in the mayor's parlour where I can share the borough's rich heritage with them. There are many interesting
artefacts in the council house that can be viewed on tour.
The guild was first formed in 1926 and over time it lansed

The guild was first formed in 1926 and over time it lapsed into obscurity. A number of modern day former mayors got together to reform the guild in January 2004. To contact the mayor's office call 01922 652072.

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Concerns over youth services shake-up

REASSURANCES have been sought over the future of youth services in Walsall after it emerged support for young people is facing

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The services in Walsall could be taken out of coun-

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cil control and run by a not-for-profit organisation or charity to save money.

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The funding for the Integrated Young People's Support Services has plummeted from £9.1 million in 2009/10 to £5.8m in the

in 2009/10 to £5.8m in the coming financial year.

Council bosses have warned they are struggling to keep services going and are proposing for a non-profit firm to take on the services in a move which aims to save £1.78m over four years.

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But Councillor Barbara Cassidy, chair of the coun-cil's children and young people's scrutiny panel, has voiced concerns and called for more information on how the plans will impact now the plans will impact on other organisations who already provide services to young people.

The plans were outlined in a report to the council and would mean some 126

...and regain the confidence to smile and eat

By Lisa O'Brien

staff being transferred from the authority to the new body, keeping their existing terms of employment. The department includes

a youth justice service, which works with 150 chilwhich works with 150 children on court orders to help rehabilitation. It also funds activities in youth centres and holiday programmes, as well as providing support for families of youngsters with special educational needs. needs.

needs. Councillor Cassidy said:
"The panel would like to know who already delivers what, where and how and how this change would impact on other organisations who already provide services to young people. We would like to request a more detailed briefing note."

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¹⁰Derelict buildings to be demolished

DERELICT buildings are poised to be pulled down to clear a prominent Walsall town centre site for poten-

Walsall town centre site for potential redevelopment.

A row of empty units in Station Street have been earmarked for demolition after standing empty for more than a decade. A huge fire one of the biggest blazes in years ruined the neighbouring Boak building on the corner of the street two years ago two years ago.

Owners of the buildings which

could be razed say there are no firm plans for the land at this stage.

The clearance of the site in Sta-

Chronicle

tion Street is subject to formal approval from the council.

An initial application was put forward more than a year ago but was

ward more than a year ago but was deemed invalid. A fresh application has now been lodged. The submission, through agent ASB Property Ltd Consultants, on behalf of the owners, states: "The proposals are to demolish the remaining buildings 8-13 and clear the whole of the site and to minimise the harm of the loss of the buildings we are proposing to erect temporary hoardings around the

A huge blaze ripped through the Grade II listed Boak building at the corner of Station Street in summer



Vetinary care assistant Karen Silk with the injured cat

Jaine Wild, secretary of the National Anti Snaring Campaign,

Cat snared in illegal trap at allotment site

warned of the dangers illegal traps pose to children and animals after a cat suffered eye injuries when it was snared at an allotment in Walsall.

The female tabby, which is believed to be about two-years-old, was caught by its neck in a Fenn trap at Delves Green Road Allotments, which an animal welfare group says was set illegally.
Allotment holder Helena Lub-

kowski helped to free the animal and took it to Hillman Vets in Lichfield Street, where it is recovering but the cat's owner is vet to be found.

in the UK, said she was horrified and warned a child could have easily been caught in the trap. She said: "Fenn traps are nor-

andly only used by gamekeepers. They are usually put in a tunnel or box to catch stoats, weasels or rats. This is one which was illegally placed out in the open in the allot-

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird wasait "We have been contacted by the Anti-Snaring Society. In light of this officers will be writing to a nominated representative from each site with regards to pest control."

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walls for his secured a new sponsor after a car dealership signed up to support the club.

Acorn Kia has become one of the team's main sponsors and the deal includes the loan of a brand

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was forced to clean up the grave of her six-month-old son at Bloxwich cemetery because the council left it to become overgrown.

Carol Keenan says grass had started to cover the stone laid for Jamie Johnson at Bloxwich cem-



council whose of-ficials say the site was not neglected but staff were un-able to get to the main memorial because of fenc-

Baby Jamie ing put around it.

Who had her son 29 years ago, said:
"My sister went to visit my son's grave and saw that it was completely overgrown. I think it is absolutely disgusting of the council to leave it to get in such a state.

"They say they could not cut the grass because of the fence we have put around the grave but I told them they could take that down to do it and they

"I hadn't visited Jamie's grave in year until this week due to health roblems but when I saw it I couldn't believe my eyes.

believe my eyes."

The 46-year-old, who has now had another three children, previously lived in Green Lane but moved to Stoke-on-Trent many years ago.

She recently tended to the grave of her son, who died of cot death, and

cut the grass and laid down slate chip-



Carole Kennan by the grave of her son, Jamie in Bloxwich Cemetery

She says she will be 'monitoring' the council's maintenance from now on.

She added: "I grieve every day for my son and each day it is supposed to get easier but for me it gets harder and this has only made things worse.

Fencing

"I was only 17 when I had Jamie and I never fully came to terms with his death but this whole situation has made me so unwell. I want the council to keep an eye on the grave from now on and treat my baby like he should be treated." Steve Billings, bereavement and registration services manager, said the grave has been maintained at ex-

the grave has been maintained at ea-actly the same level as others inside the cemetery.

He added: "Council officers have been cutting the grass as close as they can to the plastic fencing that the family have installed around the grave

without damaging it.
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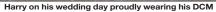
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Hero Harry who felt that medal was Nott deserved

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Enlisted

He enlisted as an aero-engine fitter, rice enisted as an aero-engine fitter, a rare trade in those days, and was posted to No 15 Squadron, training on Salisbury Plain. The squadron made the trip to France in December, 1915, and were based at Droglandt making reconnaissance flights over the Front

In those days there were no such

thing as trained air gunners, and any

thing as trained air gunners, and any keen ground crew were used. At 8.30 am on January 19,1916 Harry took off with Captain Hender-son as pilot of a Be.2c biplane, man-ning the single Lewis gun from the 19 1916

The engine was not running well and they could not climb above 5,000ft. Over the front line they saw two German Taube monoplanes climbing to tack them.

Harry opened fire but when the two

Germans fired back he was wounded in the face, a wound which meant he lost his right eye. He continued to fire his machine gun, and shot down one of the German aircraft, which they saw crash, and the other then flew off. Captain Henderson successfully landed their damaged aircraft and Harry was taken to hospital in Boulogne before being sent home.

He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, something which surprised him greatly as he thought he was only doing what anyone would do

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After further hospital treatment he was posted to No 38 Squadron at Castle Bromwich which had been formed there to counter the Zeppelin menace.

Shop

It is possible he served at Perton airfield, which had been built as a relief landing ground for anti-Zeppelin flights; though there is no proof of this. He served with No 38 Squadron for the remainder of the War. After the war he married his girlfriend Annie Reynolds and opened a toy shop in Albrighton, serving in the Home Guard in the Second World War.



The Nott family in Albrighton, with Harry on the left. Harry went on to run a toy shop in the village







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Saddlers fans in hero's reception for veteran

long Saddlers fan Ron Davies was given a rousing reception when he made a guest appearance at the Banks's Stadium.

The father-of-two received a resounding round of applause before the pre-season friendly with Aston Villa that was attended by more than 6,500 fans.

more than 6,500 fans.

A proud supporter, he and members of his family were welcomed to the ground by club bosses after he was spotted on television talking about his love for the club while in Normandy, France, at the 70th anniversary of the

France, at the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

The 88-year-old was among a group who returned there with the Normandy Veterans' Association to pay tribute to fallen comrades in June.

Campaign

The club launched a campaign on social media to track down Mr Davies

social media to track down Mr Davies and discovered that he lived just a stone's throw from the ground.

And on his return from France, manager Dean Smith and club secretary Dan Mole paid him a surprise visit to present him with a scarf, a signed football and a club tie.

They also invited him to be guest of honour at the match won 1-0 by Villa. He was joined at the game by his wife of 57 years Dot, aged 86, and son Ian,

of 57 years Dot, aged 86, and son Ian, 55, and his nephew John Davies, 71.

Mr Davies said: "Ilove the club. I've been watching the team since I was six years old. I watched my first match in 1932 at the old Fellows Park ground. I still take a good look when I go past the site. It holds a lot of happy memo-ries for me. I appreciate what the club has done for me and I want to thank



Navy - Mr Davies in 1944 at the age of 18



Proud Saddler Ron Davies



Ron Davies pays tribute to the fallen with fellow Normandy Veterans them very much." During the Second World War Mr Davies served on the destroyer HMS Southdown after join-ing the Royal Navy, aged 17, with his friend Jeff Holt in April, 1943. His ship convoyed troops who went on to land at Sword Beach the following year. he won a medal while playing for Har-wich Rangers in Essex. He had been working at a bakery in the town after military service before returning to

Walsall in the late 1940s.

Mr Mole said: "Arranging the applause for Ron was the least we could As a young man Mr Davies was a keen footballer and won team medals in the Navy and, after he left in 1947, do for someone who is a long-stand-ing supporter and who has served his country in the way that he has.".



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It's a beauty of a first year for Jade



Jade Goodwin owner of Jades Beauty shop, Bentley, who is celebrating its first birthday and a year of charity aid

A BEAUTY salon owner who set up shop a year ago with help from a charity has celebrated the first birthday of the business by offering champagne and cupcakes to clients and revealed her ambitions plans to expand in the future.

The shop recently helped to raise £100 for the British Heart Foundation with its Ramp up the Red campaign.

Jade Hampson-Goodwin opened her shop, Jades Beauty, in Farmbridge Road, Bentley, in August last year with help from The Prince's Trust. The 22-year-old, who took a beauty course at Walsall College, was helped by the charity

to attend a pusiness course, create a outsness pian and was given a loan for £3,500.

The shop recently helped to raise £100 for the British Heart Foundation with its Ramp up the Red campaign.

Staff wore red, sold cakes and offered special prices on treatments. Miss Hampson-Goodwin, of Morris Avenue, Bentley, said: "We had champagne and cupcakes for the clients to celebrate our birthday."

Ambulance complaints

the West Midlands are to be sent on 'customer service courses' if complaints them are upheld.

West Midlands Ambulance Service received 1,152 'concerns' raised through the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (Pals) last year, up

custom-urses' if against higher than the 313 received in 2011/12.

Attitude

Most complaints are of response time for an ambulance or emergency vehicle but oth-

ers relate to attitude or reports of lost property.

Marie Tideswell, head of
patient experience, told a
health scrutiny meeting at
Staffordshire County Council
that staff would begin attending courses from September.

"If we have more than two
complaints and they are justi-

complaints and they are justi-fied then they would have to attend the course," she said.



1,152 'concerns' received

and Scotland SC041666



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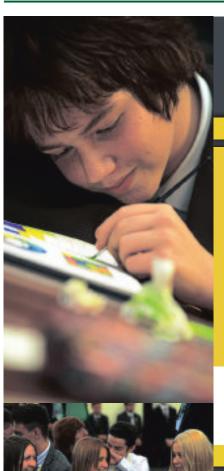
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TV seamtress Jenni Taylor will be the tutor at special sewing classes at a centre for the over fifties. The Great Partial Company of the Company Comp

The Great British Sew The Great British Sewing Bee contestant will lead sessions on how to give worn clothes a new lease of life at the Stan Ball Centre in Bloxwich. She will take part in two sessions on September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to Approximate the sessions of September 6 from Sam to September 6 from September 6 from Sam to September 6 from Sam to September 6 from Se tember 6 from 9am to 4pm

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The cost is £15 including
lunch for those who book
for both. Other classes include gardening which will
be held on Thursdays at
lune from August 21. The
cost is £2 per week and no
experience is necessary.
The family history group
will meet on Tuesdays at
2pm from September 2
and basic IT classes areat
10pm. Places are limited
and bookings are on a first

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Backing over buses boost

AN IMPROVED bus service between Walsall and Rugeley has received the backing of councillors.

Concerns emerged about the reliability and fre-quency of the 33 bus which ran every 30 minutes.

ran every 30 minutes.

Arriva has now revised the timetable so the service runs up to every 20 minutes between Pelsall, Clayhanger, Brownhills, through to Hednesford. Brownhills councillor Barbara Cassidy said: "Both councillor Steve Wade and I are really pleased that Arriva Midlands has re-sponded."

Drop in users is blamed experience at centre as bank branch to close

closure of a bank branch in Walsall. Bosses at NatWest on High Street, Bloxwich sent letters to its customers advising them the branch was to close.

It has not been announced how many staff have been hit by the closure or whether they have been offered posts at alternative branches within the

offered posts at alternat company.

NatWest said the decision to close the branch was due to a drop in users and an increase in the number of people banking online.

But the move has been criticised by groups of residents and councillors who say elderly and vulnerable customers will be left without a local branch.

NatWest spokesman

out a local branch.

NatWest spokesman

Anna Stephens said: "Banking has changed significantly over the last few

years as more and more of our customers are using digital technology to bank with

us where and when it is convenient for them.

us where and when it is convenient for them.

"As a result, there has been a 30 per cent drop in branch transactions since 2011 whilst online and mobile transactions have mobile transactions have grown by over 200 per cent. Closing a branch is a diffi-cult decision and one we do not take lightly. "Whenever we close a branch, we always look at

By Charlotte Lilley

other ways our customers can access similar banking services."

can access similar banking services."

Ward councillor Louise Harrison said: "I think it is a real shame that Nat-West has decided to close its branch in Bloxwich.

"And I feel especially sorry for elderly and vulnerable people who may have been using that bank for many years. As a result of the closure people will be forced to travel into Walsall town or to Cannock and that is too far. The bank says that more people are doing online banking but not everyone has access to a computer and lots of people

not everyone has access to a computer and lots of people do not trust it." Meanwhile, Barclays in High Street, Brownhills an-nounced last week it would be shutting. Staff will be of-fered posts at an alternative fered posts at an alternative site when the bank closes on



Vicki Phipps started a new business specializing in gifts for people with dementia

Gifts with sufferers in mind

WHEN single mother Vicki Phipps lost her job after a 16-year career in social care she turned the setback into

she turned the setback into a business opportunity.

The 50-year-old, from Harrison Close, Bloxwich, was made redundant from her management role with a charity that helps people with mobility issues.

She started to sell gifts for people diagnosed with dementia and launched her internet enterprise Mindful

internet enterprise Mindful Gifts selling items to help sufferers. In July 2013 she launched the website selling a handful of products. Within six months fur-

within six months fur-ther items were added to the range and Mindful Gifts became a community inter-est company, or social en-terprise. Customers include care and nursing homes, hospitals, day centres and voluntary organisations.

She was recently snapped up for the West Midlands School for Social Entrepre-

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A MULTI-MILLION pound revamp of a shopping centre is being carried out with the help of a former college student in the town. The building blocks for the new Primark and Co-op are being laid by contractor Morgan Sindall as part of the £21m revamp of Old Square in Walsall. Nineteen-year-old Jordan Greenwood from Bloxwich is on a placement with the company, having been on a construction course at Walsall Adult & Community College.

The teenager, who previously worked as a delivery driver, is being trained by the contractor as a steel

the contractor as a steel

the contractor as a steel fixer or nip hand on the 54,000 sq ft development.

"It's been great experience for me and I'm really pleased I took up the opportunity," said Jordan. "The experience I've gained here is invaluable."

Regeneration chief councillor Adrian Andrew, said:
"It's great that our developer has given Jordan the chance to taste what it's re-ally like on a building site."

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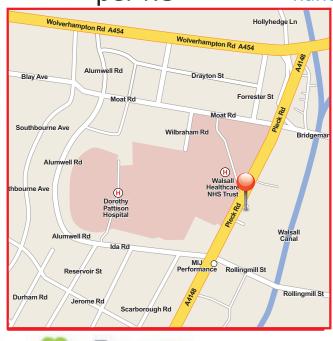
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CHOICE



Joan Collins

TV's Nastiest Villains with (Channel 5, 9nm)

If the old adage 'good guys finish last' is true, prepare to meet the winners. Yes, it's another of those chean and cheerful countdown shows with some of the world's great small screen bad guys and girls. There's no surprise to find Channel 5 favourites Stefan Dennis and Linda Gray here giving their opinion on the likes of Neighbours' love to hate villain Paul Robinson, and much-missed Dallas bad guy JR Hagman (aka Larry Hagman). Your hostess is Joan Collins, who knew just how to get the blood boiling as Alexis Carrington in Dynasty, Other femme fatales featured are Tanya Turner of Footballers Wives and EastEnders' Janine Butcher, and there's also the anti-hero who created perfect screen chemistry in Breaking Bad, Walter White.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Food S Drink. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Weather 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Live Athletics: European Championships. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 5.40 Pointless Celebritles.

6.30 Tumble. Alex Jones hosts the gymnastics contest, as the 10 famous faces return for the second week of the competition. famous faces return for the second week of the competition. Five of the celebrities and their professional partners will perform acrobatic floor routines, while the remainder take to the æarial hoop. The two contenders with the total lowest best scores from the first and second week will then face The Vault, where head judge Nadia Comaneci will decide who to eliminate and who to save. Joining the world-renowned Olympic gymnast to offer their expert opinion are Sebastien Stella, Craig Heap and Team GB medallist Louis Smith. The programme also includes as showcase performancing gymnast Beth Tweddle, featuring the UK's best up-and-coming gymnastic talent.

The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete to play for a cash prize. Union J join Gaby Roslin as she presents the National Lottery results.

8.50 Casualty. Cal and Ethan iointly solve a medical mystery, while Rita comes to the aid of a patient struggling to come to terms with a secret – but compromises her chance of promotion.

9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes is excited about Rory and Dino's big day, until she meets their flamboyant wedding planner, while Father Damien raises concerns about the ceremony. Last in the series. (R)

10.10 BBC News: Weather

10.10 Btc News; weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the opening Premier League matches of the season, including Manchester United v Swansea City and Arsenal v Crystal Palace; National Lottery

11.55 The Football League Show.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.20 BBC News.

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6.05 Film: Blackbeard the Pirate. (1952) 6. US Film: Blackbeard the Firate, (1952) 7-45 Live Athletics: Europea Fritish Railway Journeys. (R) 11-15 Animal Park. (R) 12.00 Sweets Made Simple. (R) 12.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) 1.50 Film: The First of the Few And 1942) Warding Pictures. (R) 1.00 David Invest.

1942) Wartime biopic, directed by and starring Leslie Howard 3.45 Flog Itt (R) 4.30 Live Athletics: European Championships. Coverage of day five from Zurich. 5.15 Live Equestrian. The Global Championship in The Theorem 1 and 1 a

London.

7.00 Proms Extra 2014. Katie Derham is joined by soprano Patricia Rozario, composer and conductor Peter Maxwell Davies, and baritone Roderick Williams, who performs at the end of the programme.

programme.

7.45 Dad's Army. The older members of the platoon take drastic action when they are threatened with being made air-raid wardens, transforming themselves in a bid to appear younger. (R)

8.15 Great War Diaries. The final batch of dramatic reconstructions based

of dramatic reconstructions based on the letters and journals of people whose lives were affected by the First World War. An Australian piano teacher tries to get home from behind enemy lines, an Italian-American leads a rewolft in a mental institution a revolt in a mental institution, a German soldier is involved in a mutiny, and a schoolgirl attempts suicide. An experienced English journalist is sickened by the Allies' behaviour as the war comes to a close, a French boy witnesses the German retreat and a Cossack woman is caught un in the woman is caught up in the Russian Revolution. Last in the

9.15 Andrew Marr's Great Scots. New series. The broadcaster explores the lives of writers who have defined and challenged Scottish national identity over the past 300 years, beginning with James Boswell.

10.15 QI XL. An extended edition of the quiz, as Stephen Fry asks Victoria Coren Mitchell, Bill Bailey, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies questions on the topic of jargon.

11.00 Film: Oranges and Sunshine. (2010) Fact-based drama, starring Emily Watson and Hugo Weaving. 12.40 Film: Wilbur (Wants to Kill Himself). (2003) 2.20 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. 6.10 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Canimals. (R) 7.05 Sody. (R) 7.55 Canimals. (R) 7.05 Sody. (R) 7.15 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 7.25 Chowder. (R) 8.10 Chowder. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Hungry Sallors. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Worde. (R) 11.20 ITV News. Weather. 11.25 Film: Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot. (1991) 1.25 The Unforgettable Gordon Jackson. (R) 1.55 Peter Andres 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 2.55 Film: Smokey and the Bandit II. (1980) Road comedy, starring Burt Reynolds. 4.50 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday. (2007) Comedy, starring Burd (2007) Comedy, starring Rowan

6.20 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.30 ITV News: Weather.

6.45 You've Been Framed and Famous! Harry Hill showcases some of the best celebrity lookalike clips sent in by viewers.

7.45 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Inping Point: Lucky Stars.
Former Pussycat Doll and Dancing
on Ice judge Ashley Roberts,
singer and presenter Jamelia and
TV host Jeff Brazier take turns on
the arcade-style token-pushing
machine. Dropping counters
down a choice of four chutes, the down a choice of four chutes, the celebrity contestants hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf – and the more they collect, the better their chances of scooping the £20,000 prize for a charity of their choice. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard.

All Star Early Entlunes.

8.45 All Star Family Fortunes.
Hollyoaks star Danny Mac (Mark
"Dodger" Savage) and Claire
Richards from Steps team up with their families in an attempt to win big money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts. (R)

nosts. (H)

9.45 Film: Star Wars: Episode V – The
Empire Strikes Back. (1980) The
rebels are dispersed after an
attack on their secret base and
Luke Skywalker goes in search of
a Jedi master. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford. Continues after the

10.40 ITV News: Weather. 10.55 Film: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back. (1980) Concluded.

12.25 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Trans World Sport. 7.30 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.55 Frasier. (R) 10.25 Frasier. (R) 10.25 Frasier. (R) 11.20 The Simpsons. (R) 11.55 The Simpsons. (R) 12.25 Speed with Guy Martin. (R) 1.25 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newburn. Newmarket and Rignon. 4.10 Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon. 4.10
Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Come Dine
with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me.
(R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)

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confident Stelios Michael hosts
the final night in Hastings, East
Sussex, hoping to impress his
guests with a Greek-inspired
evening. The diners get involved
when they receive a masterclass in
the country's traditional dance. before the winner of the £1,000 orize is announced. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows the progress of architect Richard Hawkes and his wife Sophie, as they move from London to the Kent countryside to build a hi-tech eco-friendly house with room to grow their own food. Richard also wants their new home to blend effortlessly into the surrounding countryside, concealed beneath a huge arch of clay tiles covered with earth and planted with grass. (R)

Planted with grass. (R)

8.00 Film: Iron Man. (2008) Arms manufacturer Tony Stark is taken hostage by a terrorist group and realises the weapons his company builds have been falling into the wrong hands. Using his engineering skills to construct a hi-lech armoured suit, he manages to escape and then puts the technology to good use in the fight against evil around the world. Superflero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr. Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow and Terrence Howard.

10.25 Film: District 9. (2009) A South African bureaucrat gets stranded in an internment camp designed to segregate alien refugees from the human population. Sci-fi drama, starring Sharlto Copley and Jason Cope.

12.35 The Last Leg. (R) 1.20 Utopia. (R) 2.20 Homeland. (R) 4.10 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Tony and Sinead are almost caught out when Diane returns

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Access. 10.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.00 Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) 12.00 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.00 Film: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad. (1974) Fantasy adventure, starring John Philip Law. 3.05 Film: Rocky V. (1990) Boxing drama sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. **5.05 Film:** North Sea Hijack. (1979) Thriller, starring Roger Moore.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India Mark Nicholas presents action from day two of the Fifth Test, held at the Oval, as the final match of the series continued. England have won just one of their last four Tests here, but that victory came against India in 2011. Commentary and analysis by Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan, Sunil Gavaskar and Simon Hughes.

8.00 The Last Secrets of 9/11. Ine Last Secrets of 9/11.

Documentary following the work of a team from New York City's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, who identify the victims of the September 11 attacks from the fragments of human remains found in the debris of the World Trade Centre. (R)

8 55 5 News Weekend

5 News Weekend.

TV's Nastiest Villains with Joan
Collins. The actress announces
the results of an online poll in
which viewers were asked to vote
for the TV characters they love to
hate, drawing on the worlds of
soap, drama, game shows, talent
shows and reality TV. The male
representatives include. IB Ewing Shows and reality TV. The male representatives include JR Ewing from Dallas and Breaking Bad's Walter White, while women featured are Collins' own portrayal of Alexis Collby in Dynasty and Tanya Turner of Footballers' Wives fame. Featuring contributions by Linda Gray (Dallas), Claire King (Bad Girls), former Apprentice candidate Katie Hopkins, Popstars judge Nicki Chapman, Stefan Dennis (Neighbours). Brian Capron (Coronation Street) and Billy Murray and Larry Lamb (EastEnders).

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11.59Access.
12.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 The
Hungerford Massacre: Killing Spree.
4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It
Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40
Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Doctor Who 8.00 Top Gear 9.05 Live at the Apollo 10.05 Russell Howard's Good News 11.05 Family Guy 2.00 Sexy Beasts 2.30 People Just Do Nothing 3.30 Russell Howard's Good News 4.00 Close **BBC** Four

7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Tales from the National Parks 9.00 inspector Montalbano 10.35 John Denver: Country Boy 11.35 John Denver at Wembley Arena 12.15 An Evening with Glen Campbell 1.35 Human Planet 2.35 Tales from the National Parks 3.35 Close

ITV2

2.00 Dinner Date: Australia 1.50 You've Been Framed 12.20 Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004) 4.10 You've Been Framed Top 100 Kids 5.10 You've Been Framed and Famous! 6.15 You've Been Framed and Famous! 6.15 You've Been Framed 16.45 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 9.00 Film: The Shawshank Redemption (1994) 11.55 Film: Batman Returns (1992) 2.25 You've Been Framed! 2.50 Teleshopping

ITV3 12.50 Bertie and Flizabeth 2.55 A Touch 11.00 Bomb Girls 12.00 Fiyle's War 11.00 Bomb Girls 12.00 Film: Columbo: Fade in to Murder (1976) 1.30 World Kitchen 2.20 ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
1.10 Film: Battle of the Bulge (1965)
4.30 British Superbike Championship
Highlights 6.00 The Motorbike Show
7.00 Storage Wars 8.00 Silverstone
Classic 2014 9.00 Film: You Only Live
Twice (1967) 11.25 Film: Fight Club
(1999) 2.15 Police, Camera, Action! 2.40
Movies Now 2.50 ITVA Nightscreen 3.00
Teleshopping 3.30 The Store
F4

E4
11.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 12.30
The Big Bang Theory 1.30 Film: Lemony
Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events
(2004) 3.35 The Big Bang Theory 4.30
Melissa & Joey 5.30 Made in Chelsea
NYC 6.35 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 7.00 The
Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: The Twilight
Saga: New Moon (2009) 10.40 The 100
11.40 The Big Bang Theory 12.40
Virtually Famous 1.30 Almost Royal 2.00
How I Met Your Mother 3.15 The
Cleveland Show 4.00 Suburgatory
Film4

11.00 A Challenge for Robin Hood 11.00 A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967) 1.00 Escape to Victory (1981) 3.15 ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) 5.00 Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) 6.40 Mona Lisa Smile (2003) 9.00 Salt (2010) 10.55 Tucker & Dale vs Evil (2010) 12.40 Silent Hill

(2006) 3.15 Close

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CHOICE



Matthew McNulty

The Great War: The People's (ITV. 9nm)

A century after the conflict began, there are no British First World War soldiers left to share their experiences with us, but that doesn't mean their stories can't still be told in their own words. If you missed the first episode, this series uses the letters and diaries of people who lived through the Great War. This second episode also provides a fascinating insight into medical history, as it explores the experiences of Reg Evans (Daniel Mays), who underwent pioneering plastic surgery after being shot in the face. If that sounds surprisingly modern for the First World War, we're also about to learn that celebrity chefs aren't an entirely new phenomenon, as we hear excerpts from the diaries of fashionable restaurateur Hallie Mills (Alison Steadman).

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 8.35 Match of the Day. (R) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 11.00 Holder. (R) 14.5 Helicopter Heroes Down Under. (R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 BBS News: Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 MS Dest of Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.45 Eat Well for Less? (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 The Gast British Bake Off. (R) 5.30 Songs of Praise.

6.05 Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole. Steve Backshall embarks on another quest to track down the world's most dangerous animals, and begins by searching for polar bears, walruses and muskoxen in pears, walruse the Arctic. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News;
Weather.
7.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Blair Castle in Perthshire to examine items including a collection of valuable miniatures and a Mickey Mouse toy with a poignant history. They also look at a wooden spoon whose humble appearance belies its intriguing past. (R)
8.00 Countryllie. As a result of a viewer suggestion, John Craven and Shauna Lowry Visit the Sperrin Mountains in Northern Ireland, a largely unknown but beautiful part of the region. Exploring the area by foot, Shauna heads to an old blacksmith's forge that was made famous by its inclusion in a Seamus Heaney poen, including Weather for the Week Ahead.
9.00 The Village. Phoebe, the

Weather for the Week Ahead.

The Village. Phoebe, the stationmaster's daughter, invites Bert to go to the new dancehall, while Grace decides to join the cycling club for a ride out. Elsewhere, Marie Stope's caravan arriver.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News;

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Liverpool v owatcn of the Day 2. Liverpool v
Southampton and Newcastle
United v Manchester City. Mark
Chapman introduces highlights of
the Premier League matches at
Anfield and St James' Park
respectively.

respectively.

11.25 Film: The 51st State. (2001) An American drug dealer heads for Liverpool to make one last sale, with a hitwoman working for his old boss in hot pursuit. Action comedy, with Samuel L Jackson.

12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.55 BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets.
(R) 7.45 Live Athletics: European Championships. 10.30 The Football League Show. (R) 11.50 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 1.20 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) 1.50 Live Athletics: European Championships. Further coverage of day six from Zurich. 4.50 Flog It! (R) 5.30 Great Continental Railway, Journeys. (R) Railway Journeys, (R)

Railway Journeys. (R)

6.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip.
Dinnerladies co-stars Anne Reid
and Thelma Bardow team up with
antiques experts Paul Laidlaw and
David Harper for a road trip
around Oxfordshire. Armed with a
classic car and £400 each, the two
actresses compete to buy antiques
to sell for a profit at auction in
Penkridge, Staffordshire. Along
the way, a visit to see wartime
artwork conjures up emotional artwork conjures up emotional memories for Anne. (R)

7.00 Tropic of Capricorn. Simon Reeve embarks on the third leg of his embarks on the third leg of his journey, crossing the vast expanse of mainland Australia. Heading east from Ningaloo Reef, the explorer comes across a ghost town in Wittenoom Gorge, contaminated beyond habitation by a nearby asbestos mine. Travelling across the Northern Territory, Simon witnesses the specking highing conditions specking highing conditions. shocking living conditions endured by Aboriginal communities in the shadow of Uluru. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. More people bid to win funding for their projects from the panel, including an 18-year-old seeking to impress with his garden shed invention. There is a rip-roaring entrance by a Kentbased gaming entrepreneur and the Dragons get a taste of Colombia's finest cocoa beans. Will anyone be able to walk away with a deal? Evan Davis presents.

9.00 James May's Cars of the People
The Top Gear presenter explores
the weird world of the microcar, discovering how austerity and fears of congestion led to a variety of disastrous European vehicles.

10.00 Film: The Prestige. (2006) Tw Victorian magicians become birivals as one becomes obsesse with the secret to the other's greatest illusion. Mystery thriller starring Hugh Jackman

12.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile: Summer Special. (R) 1.00 Holby City. (R) 2.00

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. 6.25 Dino Dan.
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7.15 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 7.25 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 7.40 Mr Bean: The
Animated Series. (R) 7.56 Chowder. (R)
8.10 Chowder. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30
Weekend. 9.25 May the Best House Win.
(R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20
ITV News; Weather. 11.30 Love Your
Garden. (R) 12.30 Long Lost Family. (R)
1.30 Flim: Columbo: Identity Crisis.
(1975) 3.30 Midsomer Murders. (R)
5.30 Tipping Point. (R)
6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.

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7.00 Come On Down! The Game Show Story. Bradley Walsh focuses on the quiz show in the second of four programmes. He hears the intriguing story of Mastermind's creation and sits in the famous black chair himself for an interrogation by himself for an interrogation by presenter John Humphrys. He also meets former London cabbie Fred Housego, who shot to fame after his 1980 win on the programme. Bamber Gascoigne and Nicholas Parsons discuss the evolving role of the quizmaster over the decades and there's a look at how Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? changed the course of TV history when Judith Keppel became its first jackpot winner. Plus,

became its instruction with the late 1990s, long before Millionaire's Coughing Major controversy.

8.00 The Zoo. Vets face a difficult decision regarding a sick 15-year-old lioness following an exploratory operation, while a keeper begins a new role training chimps one-on-one

9.00 The Great War: The People's 9.00 The Great War: The People's
Story, Reg Evans (played by
Daniel Mays) undergoes
pioneering plastic surgery, while
job opportunities open up for a
society cook (Alison Steadman)
and a suffragette (Romota Garai).
10.00 TW News; Weather.

10.UUITV News; weather.
10.15 Kids with Cameras: Diary of a
Children's Ward. A 12-year-old
boy recovers from a stroke caused
by a freak accident, while an eightyear-old with muscular dystrophy
takes part in a medical trial hoping
to improve his symptoms. (R)

11.15 The Cube. (R)

to improve his symptoms. (R) 11.15 The Cube. (R) 12.15 The Store. 2.00 Motorsport UK. 2.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 4.00 Britain's Best Bakery. (R) 4.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Caterham Motorsport 7.05 Triathlon: Long Course Weekend. 8.06 Evenhooby Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Evenbody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.35 George Clark's Amazing Spaces. (R) 1.40 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.40 The big Bang Theory. (R) 2.40 The big Bang Theory. (R) 3.10 The Simpsons. (R) 3.40 The Simpsons. (R) 4.40 The Volent Polymore 1.50 The Mill. William Is forced to Lover wages as the cotton

lower wages as the cotton industry feels the impact of the recession, but the news doesn't go down well with Daniel, who believes the workers should withdraw their labour. Preparing for the worst, the boss mobilises toons in the area and anounts. troops in the area and appoints John to lead a new band of special constables. Esther's views on strike action change when the consequences of the cuts put her consequences of the cuts put her son Billy's life in danger and she joins Daniel at the forefront of the protest. However, when tensions secalate, William arms his men with clubs and sticks. Elsewhere, as Hannah's health declines, she receives a parel from the plantation in Dominica and is horrified by its contents

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9.00 Richard III: The New Evidence.
Since the discovery of Richard III's remains under a car park in
Leicester, scientists have been subjecting the 15th-century
English king's skeleton to intense scrutiny and analysis, allowing them to reassemble his life in detail. Using the latest techniques, experts have been able to define, experts have been able to define. experts have been able to define the extent to which his spinal deformity would have affected his ability to be the warrior farmed for leading the charge at the Battle of Bosworth. They have also pieced together his diet and revealed his lifestyle in his final years, with surmision results.

surprising results.

10.00 Film: The Taking of Pelham 123.
(2009) Criminals hijack a crowded New York subway train and threaten to kill the passengers unless they are paid \$10million.
Thriller remake, with Denzel Washington and John Travolta.

12.05 Film: Good Morning, Vietnam.
(1987) 2.10 Wallis Simpson: The Secret Letters. (R) 3.05 First Time Farmers. (R) 4.05 The Million Pound Drop. (R) 5.00 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. (R) 5.05 Deal or No Deal. (R)

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CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Abby's Flyings Fairy School. (R) 6.25 Bubble Gupples (R) 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45 Milkshakel Monkey. (R) 6.50 Chioe's Closet. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Myberiuse. (R) 7.55 Lifts 7.20 make weld with outbury (n) 7.40 cits of Friends. (R) 7.50 Bert and Friels Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Frincess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Beet Friend Coff, (R) 8.20 Milkshade Bop Box. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.40 Oilly the Little White Van. (R) 8.45 Repert Bear. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.35 Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Little

7.00 5 News Weekend.

o Tricket on 5. England v India.

Mark Nicholas presents action
from day three of the Fifth Test,
held at the Oval, as the final match
of the series continued.

8.00 World's Scariest Animal Attacks Terrifying animal encounters, including a 19-year-old who was pulled free by her friends when

pulled free by her friends when she was attacked by a great white shark off the coast of Chile. Last in the series. (R)

9.00 Film: Sale. (2012) Premiere. A former cage fighter protects a 12-year-old girl holding valuable information that several criminal factions want. Action thriller, with Jason Statham and Catherine Chan. Part of the In Statham We Trust strand.

10.55 Film: Crank: High Voltage.

Trust strand.

10.55 Film: Crank: High Voltage.
(2009) A hitman pursues a
mobster who took his heart and
replaced it with a machine that
requires constant charging up.
Action thriller sequel, starring
Jason Statham and Amy Smart.
Part of the In Statham We Trust
strand.

12.40 Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R)
1.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 Soho Nail
Bomber: Killing Spree. 4.00 House
Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make it Big. (R) 5.20
Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the
Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) 9.00 Our World War 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Siblings 11.15 Cuckoo 11.45 American Dad! 12.30 Sexy Beasts 1.00 Siblings 1.30 Cuckoo 2.00 Football Fight Club 3.00 Impractical Jokers 3.30 Sexy Beasts 4.00 Close

BBC Four

BBC Four
7.00 Proms on Four 8.30 Secret
Knowledge: The Art of the Vikings 9.00
Great Poets in Their Jown Words 10.00
Edinburgh Extra 11.00 Egypt's Lost
Cities 12.30 Great American Rock
Anthems: Turn It Up to 11 1.30 Forever
Young — How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up 2.30
Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC 3.30 Secret
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2.50 You've Been Framed! 3.20 Film:
Nancy Drew (2007) 5.20 Film: King
Kong (2005) 9.00 Film: Hot Fuzz (2007)
Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg.
11.20 Film: Batman Returns (1992) 1.50
The Big Reunion 2014 2.45 Pixie Lott:
The Hot Desk 2.55 Teleshopping

2.05 inspector Morse 4.25 Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) 6.20 Film: Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High IO Murder Case (1977) 8.00 Lewis 10.00 Film: Chaplin (1992) 12.55 William and Mary 1.55 Goodbye Mr Chips 3.40 Emmerdale

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12.05 The Car Chasers 1.05 Silverstone Classic 2014 2.05 Alias Smith and Jones 3.10 Film: Destry (1954) 5.15 Film: Nevada Smith (1966) 8.00 Ray Mears' Close Encounters 9.00 Film: Mortal Kombat (1995) 11.00 Hell on Wheels 11.55 Alias Smith and Jones 1.00 River Monsters 2.05 Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club 2.24 Movies Now 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

E4
1.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.30
Suburgatory 2.55 The Mindy Project
3.25 New Girl 3.55 The Big Bang Theory
4.50 The 100 5.50 Rude(ish) Tube 6.50
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Chelsea NYC 10.00 Almost Royal 10.35
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Theory 12.25 Rules of Engagement 1.20
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Artist 3.05 Bob's Burgers 3.25 Hollyoaks
Film4

11.00 The Mark of Zorro (1940) 1.00 Hocus Pocus (1993) 2.55 Ramona and Beezus (2010) 5.00 Marmaduke (2010) 6.50 Drillbit Taylor (2008) 9.00 Season of the Witch (2011) 10.50 The Wolfman (2010) 12.50 The Blood on Satan's Claw (1971) 2.50 Close



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Imaginary Friend, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman experiences visions of her childhood naginary friend, whom she created for emotional support while being abused by her father. Fearing she is losing her mind, she takes drastic measures to rid herself of the hallucinations, but begins to suspect they are a warning about a threat to her life posed by her own husband. Thriller, starring Lacey Chabert. (2012)

Audrey's Rain, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An embittered woman who has given up all her own dreams for the sake of her younger siblings finds herself having to bear even more responsibility when her sister commits suicide and leaves her to raise two children. However, the return of a lost love rekindles her sense of hope. Drama, starring Jean Smart. (2003)



ious, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY

Irresistible, BBC1, 11.50pm

Melbourne housewife Sophie becomes increasingly suspicious of her husband's beautiful female colleague Mara. She is convinced the woman is a danger to her marriage and family, but the increasingly nerve-racked Sophie finds no one will believe her. Doubting her own sanity, she takes drastic action and puts her life in peril. Thriller, starring Susan Sarandon. (2006)

Paycheck, BBC1, 11.35pm
An engineer carries out a top-secret job on the understanding that his knowledge of the task will be erased from his mind afterwards to protect his employer's intellectual property. However, waking after the memorywiping procedure, he is shocked to learn he had somehow agreed to waive the huge payment due to him and is wanted for a murder he does not remember committing. Thriller, starring Ben Affleck. (2003)

Precious, BBC2, 11.05pm
Overweight and illiterate Harlem teenager Precious has endured years of abuse at the hands of her parents. When it is discovered she is pregnant for the second time by her father. Precious is removed from her school and sent to a new institution, where she encounters a kindly teacher who inspires her to try to turn her life around. Drama, starring Gabourey Sidibe. (2009)

Looking back on a match to remember

t hardly seems like two minutes since the last one finished, but last Saturday, the new Premier League season kicked off.

PICK OF THE WEEK

While non-football fans moaned and whined about how the sport tends to take over TV and chats around the watercooler at work, fans were beside themselves with glee – especially as excitement in the domestic leagues this year may help them forget the nightmare that was England's World Cup campaign in Brazil. around the watercooler at work, fans

But there's another reason to celebrate the return of top-flight football, and that's because it coincides with the 50th anniversary of Match of the Day.

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Back in 1964, when the first edition aired, Kenneth Wolstenholme (later to find fame with his 'they think it's all over, it is now' moment during the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley) commentated on highlights from just one game – a First Division encounter between Liverpool and Arspnal which the Arspnal which th encounter between Liverpool and Arsenal, which the Anfield side won 3-2.

Only 20,000 people tuned in, just

half the number of spectators who were at the ground; that might sound like next to nothing, but at the time, few people could receive new channel BBC Two.

Unlike nowadays when low ratings ensure a show will be axed early, the Beeb stuck with its sporting baby, and before long, it became an iconic show that remains must-see viewing for football fans everywhere.

This special programme looks back at MOTD's history, picking up on memorable moments, from match highlights to the way in which it covered the Hillsborough disaster with great dignity as events unfolded.

Regular viewers such as Alan Sugar, Sue Johnston and Russell Brand discuss their love of the show, and Barry Stoller talks for the first time about composing the famous theme tune.

Also discussing the programme are John Motson, Wayne Rooney, Thierry Henry, Ryan Giggs and the recently retired Alan Hansen.

Over the years, the likes of David Coleman, Jimmy Hill and Des Lynam have hosted the programme; it's

Gary Lineker who sits in the hotseat Gary Lineker wno sits in the notisea these days. He has every reason to be cheerful, because his beloved Leicester City are back in the top echelons – although he's anything but optimistic.

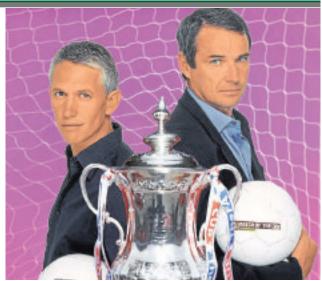
"I'm not the world's most confident fan," he grimaces. "I should be – I should believe in them more than I do."

Does he ever wish he was back out on the pitch?

"Not really. There are aspects of Not really. Inere are aspects of football that can be quite tiresome being treated like a kid, being shouted at all day, being told what time to do stuff, being told what to eat, etc. The one thing I do miss is scoring a big goal in an important match, and the euphoria that that brings." brings."

Instead, Gary is happy with his day job: "I always look forward to the start of the season. Football is still hugely important to a lot of people in this country and Match of the Day is always an exciting

Long may it continue – here's to



Match of the Day at 50, Friday, BBC1, 10.35pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Long Lost Family ITV, 9pm

When Colin Deering left home to join the Army, his mother Nellie revealed to him and his younger sister Helen that she had given birth in 1945 and put the baby up for adoption, believing he would have a better chance in life. Shortly before her death, Nellie begged Helen to find her brother and reunite the family, and this programme aims to fulfil that dying wish. Plus, the story of Stephen Haywood, who has put his life on hold until his birth mother can be a part of it. He feels unable to celebrate important occasions without her present, and in recent years his search has become more urgent due to serious health issues. Presented by Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell.

My Online Bride Channel 4, 10pm

Internet dating is big business these days – once a rarely discussed, taboo topic, the world of online match-ups is now the first place to turn when embarking on a search for a soulmate. In fact, an estimated 15 million Brits are said to be looking for ove online, and this one-off documentary follows men of all ages as they head abroad in search of a wife. Among others, we meet 46-year-old Chris who is divorced and looks after his two children,

leaving little time for romance - so he's trying his luck on a Bangkok romance tour. Meanwhile, Mike is 26 and has been searching for a wife in the Ukraine, and after weeks of chatting to Tatyana on Skype, he's arranged to stay with her

TUESDAY

Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals BBC2, 9pm

Biologist Patrick Aryee and physicist Helen Czerski explore the world of animal senses to reveal how they detect things beyond the limits of human perception, conducting experiments and demonstrations featuring a variety of species. They begin by investigating sight and reveal how caribou – wild reindeer of Alaska – use ultraviolet light to avoid their predators. They also discover how the dragonfly's ability to view things in slow motion allows it to make a kill, and show how a snake can see in the pitch dark without using its eyes.

WEDNESDAY Secrets from the Asylum

ITV, 9pm
The first of two programmes in which celebrities embark on an emotional journey to discover

how their ancestors coped in Victorian asylums. Hollywood hardman Ray Winstone visits Colney Hatch Asylum in north London, where his greatgreat-grandmother's first husband was committed in 1875. Comedian Al Murray follows in the footstens of one of his forebears Vanity

Fair author William Makepeace Thackeray, to discover the measures he took to save his suicidal wife from the horrors of institutionalisation. Plus, actress and singer Claire Sweeney finds out how senile dementia and old-age mental health was treated in the 19th

> **THURSDAY** Who Do You Think You

BBC1, 9pm Outhwaite, who is currently starring as DCI Sasha Miller in BBC One crime drama New Tricks, but is best known to

audiences for her role as Melanie Owen in Who Do You Think You Are?, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm EastEnders,

looks to learn about her Italian roots on the maternal side of her family as a result of her fond childhood memories of big meals with relatives, antipasto and energetic conversations Her journey begins in the heart of London's East End where her great-grandfather Tony Gonella once ran a cafe. She visits the Isle of Man. Italy and finally Glasgow as she explores her ancestor's life, and also discovers more about her mother's father Remo Santi and his

The Last Leg

Channel 4, 10pm
Will Daniel Radcliffe ever escape Harry Potter? Maybe not, but he's trying his best to prove he can do things other than play the boy wizard by tackling as many varied roles on stage and screen as time allows him. Now he's making an appearance on this comedy show; those who remember him taking part in QI a few years back will know he's quick-witted, so co-hosts Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker had better be at the top of their game. As ever, they will be taking an irreverent look at the stories that have hit the headlines during the past week while asking the all-important question 'is it OK?' For Radcliffe, in terms of career progression, the answer is yes



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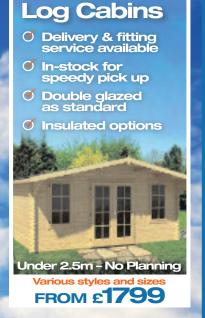


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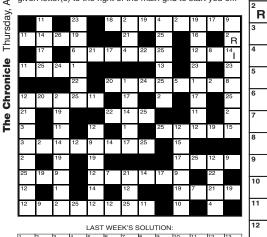
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Codeword

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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



fit the same grid. Cryptic Clues:

6 See 11 Down

- 7 & 21Ac. He delights in hearing the score (5,5)
- 9 & 19Ac. Does this dawn on you in a shattering way? (5,2,3)
- 10. See 1 Down
- 12. An offer within the law which the (5,6)
- 14. It was destroyed by a storm at the end of the eighteenth century (3,8)
- 18. An artistic effort is proving attractive (7)
- 19. See 9 Across
 - 21. See 7 Across
 - 22. Ancestry and rank a considerable time afterwards (7)

Down

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both

- 1 & 10Ac It's kent by the keen-eyed sentry (5,4-3)
- 2. Wear away a piece of ribbon, one hears (6)
- 3. One spot for the expert (3)
- 4. Old boot used for street entertainin 5. Certain amount of
- time for the records
- 8. I cannot change
- what boxes do (7)

 11 & 6Ac. Not accepting responsibility for circulating American currency (7,3,4)
- 13. Conveyance number ten in the diagram (7)
- 15. Headgear for the woodsman! (6)

 16. Made away with the
- goods, as the crane operator did (6)
- 17. The French cry of disgust produces a sound of merriment (5)
- 20. Capital cover that's locked (3)

Quick Clues:

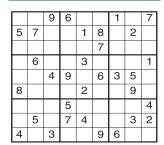
- 6. Lasting (7)
- 7. Extend (5)
- 9. Condition (5)
- **10.** Deny (7)
- 12. Strained (5,6)
- 14. Actor (5.6)
- 18. Guard (7)
- 19. Bear (5) 21. Meal (5)
- 22. Gather (7)

- 2. Fix (6)
- 3. Cunning (3)
- 5. Fall back (7)
- 8. Rower (7)

- 16. Empower (6)
- 17. Ruse (5)

- 1. Allotment (5)
- 4. Victor (6)
- 11. Esteem (7)
- 13. Germ-free (7)
- 15. Elicit (3.3)
- 20. Rapture (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Wasted time; 7 Lathe; 8
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23 Undertakes. Down: 1 Water; 2 Steadily; 3
Erring; 4 Tale; 5 Matures; 6 Close match; 9 Double talk; 12 Half-back; 14 Bargain; 16 Sought; 19
Omits; 20 Side. QUICK - Across: 1 Assistance; 7
Tight; 8 Chianti; 10 Narrated; 11 Tier; 13 Indeed;
15 Duress; 17 Each; 18 Tropical; 21 Stamina; 22
Chant; 23 Needlessly. Down: 1 Auger; 2 Situated; 3 Secret; 4 Arid; 5 Concise; 6 Stinginess; 9
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19 Crazy; 20 Kind.

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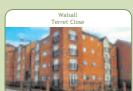
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As breaths of fresh air go, the Cactus is like a lungfull of West Scotland's finest in the middle of rushhour London.

It's a car designed to fit into real-world lifestyles where you need lots of places to store bits and pieces, where touch-screens are as second nature as a second scoop of ice cream and where people always manage to open their doors into your paintwork. The Cactus is built to take life's little trials in its stride with a radical re-think.

That's why you'll find those curious and distinctive coloured panels along the sides. These 'AirBump' air-filled blocks are scratch-resistant and a bit bouncy, so errant supermarket trolleys and swinging coat zips won't leave a mark. The same material is on the boot and in a few other places too, helping to avoid any ugly and expensive bodywork damage.

The Cactus is the first truly honest Citroen for years. It's a bit madcap but not so much so to be off-putting. The controls are where you'd expect them, the pedals do what they should and the wheels aren't made out of cheese. It's simply very good at the everyday biffabout thing, and there's no doubt a lot of people will be very taken by this.

Character

You don't get as much outright space as you do in, say, a Seat Toledo, but the Cactus has a far greater character garnish to go with its healthy dollop of practicality. There are door pockets aplenty and a panoramic glass roof to give a more spacious-feeling cabin, and it's fair to say there's enough rear legroom for adults – just.

A really nice touch is the 'suitcase-style' interior detailing

on the door pulls and glove box. It adds a sense of travel adventure, but there's loads of room inside the glove-case to add substance to the style.

Citroen openly admits the Cactus is built to a price. That's half the point; realistic ownership costs. With that in mind it's amazing how quietly the 1.2-litre 110-horsepower petrol version bimbles around town. At 30mph in the fourth of five gears, the loudest thing is the air conditioning fan, which itself is only lightly breathing away in the background.

There's nothing remarkable about the way it drives. The soft, chunky seats are unusual these days and very comfortable, the steering is quite slow and unthreatening, and the ride is very smooth over good surfaces and undulating

Loyal

It's worse over sharp bumps, mind you, where the suspension crashes unexpectedly and noisily, but on the whole the driving experience is that of a car you'd never regret buying or dislike owning. It feels a bit like a loyal fam-

ily pet.

In terms of raw space there's more for your money out there. But 'value' cars tend to be a bit soulless and that al-ways counts against them. The Cactus definitely has more of a character and a charm that can't entirely be priced up. In terms of providing family-friendly transport that you're not afraid to see bumped around now and again, what could be better?

There could be clever finance deals on the cards, too, if the UK follows suit with Spain's 'pay as you drive' mileage-based finance scheme.

The brilliant news is that this won't just appeal to budget-

led buyers who hate looking after their cars. It's a damn fine everyday car with some great quirks and an unusual look, so parents looking for something livelier-looking to put on the drive will love it; as will people bored with the same old hatchback crowd.

This car summed up in a single word: Unconventional. Among a sea of relative boredom it dares to be different, and while it'll raise a few eyebrows, it turns heads and creates big smiles

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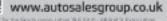
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Marking a milestone with two specials

By Sharon Walters

SsangYong presented a fully refreshed range for 2014, and with registrations up by some 154 per cent on last year, is now one of the UK's fastest growing marques.

With every car in the line-up being covered by an industry leading five-year limitless mileage warranty and representing such great value, perhaps that level of performance is not so surprising.

The brand first arrived in the UK 20 years ago, and to celebrate 60 years of vehicle production, SsangYong has introduced two special limited editions, one based on its popular

Korando crossover and the other on the Rexton W 4x4.

All Rexton W 4x4 models are currently being offered with three years free servicing. This includes the Rexton W SX, EX and EX automatic models as well as the CSX commer-

cial, and registered by September 30, 2014. Combined with the existing market leading five-year limitless mileage warranty that protects all SsangYong cars, this brings three years free servicing (or three services, whichever comes sooner), giving customers complete peace of

The Rexton W range is also currently available with 0 per cent finance from participating dealers

Comforts

Built on a steel ladder chassis and with a three-tonne towing capacity, the new SsangYong Rexton W is a serious off-roader and tow-car, yet with all the equipment and creature comforts expected of an urban cruiser. It is powered by SsangYong's own 2.0 litre Euro 5 turbo charged e-XDi200 diesel engine.
Taking the Rexton EX specification, the special 60th an-

niversary edition adds front parking sensors, an electric sunroof, heated seats front and rear, a power adjustable passenger seat, DAB satnav and is finished in pearl white

Available with either six-speed manual or five-speed Mercedes-Benz T-Tronic automatic transmission, prices range between £21,995 and £27,495, with the commercial at £18,495 (ex VAT).

The Giugiaro designed Korando is already noted for its

great value, high level of equipment, interior space and twotonne towing capability, and has been given a makeover in-

side and out, as well as enhanced driving refinement. Externally, the front received an all-new treatment that included a slimmed down, black mesh radiator grille, contemporary projection headlights and LED daytime running lights, while the interior was given a significant re-design that included a completely revised dashboard. Great advances in reducing NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) have also been made

The new Korando is powered by a modern vet well-proven 2.0-litre Euro 5 turbo diesel engine. There is a choice of power outputs, manual and automatic transmission, and two wheel drive or 4x4.

Based on the four-wheel drive Korando ELX4, the special

60th anniversary edition adds 18in diamond cut wheels, an electric sunroof, rear spoiler and chrome detailing, and is completed with a pearl white lily metallic paint finish. It is available with either manual or automatic transmission. Korando prices start from just £14,995.

The new SsangYong Turismo is almost without competition. At over five metres long and with a three-metre wheelbase, the car is larger than a standard sized MPV, yet is a car rather than a van-derived 'people carrier'.

Consequently its huge interior space and flexible passenger and load carrying capability means it can carry seven adults and 875 litres of luggage, through to two adults and 3,146 litres of load space.

Designed to appeal as family, leisure and business trans-

portation, this new car blends multi-role flexibility with great ride comfort and the appointments and equipment levels of a luxury saloon.

The Turismo is powered by SsangYong's 2.0 litre turbo charged e-XDi200 diesel engine, and there's a choice of six-speed manual and five-speed Mercedes-Benz T-Tronic automatic transmission, and with the EX model, selectable 4x4 with low ratio as standard. All models offer an impressive 2.5-tonne towing capability, and prices start from just

The Korando Sports brings a new level of refinement to the pick-up market, blending the suspension, engine and cabin finesse of a passenger car, with the silhouette, space and seating for five that's typical of a double cab, and the rugged workmanlike ability of a commercial pick-up.

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We need to bare our teeth, says Baxendale

spoken of his desperation for Walsall to lose their pretty but toothless tag.

The midfielder is confident the goals will flow for the Saddlers

goals will flow for the Saddlers this season following manager Dean Smith's summer overhaul of the forward line.

After a lack of goals cost his team a legitimate shot at the play-offs last term, the manager has brought in Tom Bradshaw, Jordan Cook and Ashley Grimes and were hoping to strike a deal for French striker Mathieu Manset before the League One opener where they drew at Port Vale on Saturday.

urday.

Baxendale is convinced the Saddlers now finally have the firepower to supplement their attractive approach

Forward

"I think the goals will come," he said. "I feel every time we go forward there is a good chance we are going to

"We have the players in the team.
We had the label last year after every game where we were coming off and people were saying 'good football, no goals' - I don't want people to think or be able to say that this season.
"I think we have the bit between our teeth"

Baxendale admitted he needs to Baxendale admitted he needs to increase his own personal tally after netting just three times last term, as the team look to spread goals around and added: "As a team we don't want to come away with the same regrets as last season and if we spread the goals around, that will help."

The midfielder is keen to get off to a flying start at Vale after admitting the opening game of the season has been at the forefront of his mind since the

at the forefront of his mind since the fixtures came out in June.

"When the fixtures come out and



James Baxendale in action at the weekend against Port Vale

you see it is Port Vale, y you think about Port Vale every day," he said.

"As far as it being the first game of the season goes we know what to ex-

"We need to stamp our authority on the game and if we play like we did against Villa on Tuesday I think they could struggle to deal with us," adde the Walsall midfielder.



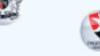
























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Clifford looking to burst the 'Chelsea bubble'

NEW-BOY Billy Clifford made an impression as a substitute in Saturday's 1-1 draw at Port

Vale in League One,.

Now the 21-year-old from Slough is eager to prove he can survive in the 'real world' after deciding this summer to turn his back on the trappings of Chelsea after 13 years in the Stamford

after 13 years in the Stamford Bridge set-up.
"I went back to Chelsea and decided with my family and my agent that it was time to move on," said Clifford, who ended last season on loan with Royal Antwerp in Belgium.
"I had been at Chelsea for 13 years but I'm 21 now and I needed to get out there and play some first-team football. So I took the decision to cancel my contract and look elsewhere really

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Decision

"I could have stayed there and just rested on Chelsea and stayed in that bubble, but I wanted to show managers and people who doubted me last season, who thought I was in the comfort zone, that I could get out and show I can play week-in week-out.

"The decision had be made but it was an easy decision, to be fair.

"The club is fantastic and everything you need is there but it is not the real world, so when you go down the leagues you have to step up and become an adult, if you like. I just wanted to further my career."

Having done enough during a pre-season trial to catch the eye of Saddlers boss Dean Smith, Clifford was handed an extended chance to prove his worth with a contract until January. "I could have stayed there and just

With Walsall player of the season Sam Mantom's season delayed by injury, Clifford is eyeing the chance to establish himself as a first-team performer. And he is relishing the pros-



Walsall's Billy Clifford shows off his skills pre-season. Picture Dan Westwell

to the rest of the season.

"It was nice to get on the pitch toward the end of the game on Saturday and get some minutes in front of the

"I'm delighted to have signed after the initial week I was here," he said.
"The manager and the boys have been fantastic and I'm looking forward where would benefit me in terms of style of play.
"We looked and Walsall are a team

who look to get the ball down and play. From the word go it has been great"

Clock is Wood frustrated by a single strike Saddlers Alvechurch 1Walsall Wood 0 ANOTHER frustrating day at the office for

Manset DEAN SMITH has admitted time is running out for striker Mathieu Manset to sign for Walsall.

ticking on

deal for

A contract offer remains on the table for the French striker, who impressed while on trial.

But Smith is also ex-But Smith is also exploring other options, after negotiations with the 24-year-old and his representatives hit stalemate.

Manset, who returned home to France after ap-pearing in last weekend's 0-0 draw with Mansfield, wants a two-year deal. Smith feels this is too

much of risk for a player who has switched clubs four times in the past two

years.

"I don't believe the last two years of his career show the stability for me to offer the length of contract he wants," said Smith. "I have offered him a one-year contract with the option that if he plays a certain number of games a second year. of games, a second year kicks in.

"Unfortunately he is not taking that bait at the moment. We are in a little bit of a stalemate but it is still bubbling along.

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After leaving Reading in 2012, Manset played in Switzerland for FC Sion before returning to England.

Smith is hoping for double deal

DEAN SMITH said he is working on deals for two more attacking players as Walsall's chances of signing Mathieu Manset looked increasingly unlikely.

The Saddlers boss has not heard from the 24-year-old French striker since talks

French striker since talks over a contract hit stalemate last week.
Smith is instead pressing

on with other deals and remains hopeful of bringing in new faces by the end of the

Despite signing Tom Bradshaw, Ashley Grimes and Jordan Cook over the summer the manager is still keen to add to his side's fire-

keen to add to his side's fire-power.

"I'm looking at getting a couple in still and we are doing work on those two players," he said. "It's just forward players in general.

"We said last season we did not score enough goals and that is the area where we want to get bet-ter." "There is no news on Mathieu," said Smith.

Cole is back in training

VILLA boss Paul Lambert VILLA boss Paul Lambert has confirmed that Joe Cole is back in training ahead of Saturday's Premier League opener against Stoke City.

The summer signing has been struggling with a persistent thigh injury.

However, Lambert is confident that the 32-year-old midfolder will be available

midfielder will be available on Saturday when Villa travel to the Britannia Sta-

travel to the Britannia Stadium.
"He is training now with the group, which is good," the Scot said.
"I know he has missed a wee bit but he is back training with the group. Everybody seems to be pretty healthy."

Wood who again failed to trouble the keeper in a game of high endeavour without an end product.

The goal came from a fortunate bounce of the ball out of a tackle, Connor Deards capitalising to race into the box and slot home past the advancing Mario Kisiel in the Wood goal.

After a quiet opening Wood threatened first after nine minutes. Tom Evans came

After a quiet opening Wood threatened first after nine minutes, Tom Evans came inside from wide right, his over-hit cross beyond the far post was collected by Harry Harris, his ball back into the box headed just wide by Scott Cooper.

The reply was instant, Chris Rabone racing onto a ball over the top wide left, calmly hitting a low near post cross that Lee Stretton put behind to deny Chris Hughes.

ALAN HUTTON'S goal got the win for Villa as Walsall welcomed back Sam Mantom from

The Scot, a one-time member of Paul Lambert's notorious "Bomb Squad" who are now being rein-

tegrated back into the claret and blue squad, ham-mered home a loose ball just before the half hour

after a fine move which ended with Mal Benning crossing for the forward.

A precision pass from Reece Flanagan set Tom Bradshaw away and though Jores Okore recovered to send the ball behind, Paul Downing headed the sub-sequent corner wide of the

There was certainly no sense of the Saddlers being

fazed by their opponents and another fine move ended with Romaine Saw-

ended with Romains saw yers shooting over. He was then off target with another effort but with the match relatively even it was Villa who grabbed the lead just before the half-hour. Rich-ardson's free-kick from the

ardson's free-kick from the left was not cleared and after a series of blocked shots, ricochets and failed clearances Hutton forced the ball home from six yards

Agbonlahor should have doubled the advantage but headed wide .

Visiting keeper Brad Guzan was then called into action for the first time, rushing out to deny Down-ing at close range.

mg at close range.

The impressive Clifford was the only man to stay on for the Saddlers as Smith made 10 changes at the break, including O'Donnell for Craig MacGillivray.

mark for the goal which separated the sides.
Villa were the better team

and deserved the win de-

spite a tenacious effort from the hosts.

But for Saddlers boss Dean Smith the most pleas-

ing aspect was unquestiona-

ing aspect was unquestionably the return of midfielder Mantom after a knee ligament injury which has kept him out of the entire pre-season.

Perhaps the second most pleasing was the performance.

pleasing was the perfor-mance of the man Mantom replaced on 63 minutes – tri-alist Billy Clifford. Released by Chelsea earlier in the summer, the 21-year-old did

his chances of earning a con-tract no harm with a display

tract no narm with a display full of incisive passing and strong running.

Just days before the sea-son begins Smith may have found another valuable op-

It was Villa who threat-ened first. James Chambers did well to block from Ga-briel Agbonlahor after the

striker had gotten loose in the box and then followed

the box and then followed up to deny Hutton. From the corner, keeper Richard O'Donnell was called into action as he saved Ciaran Clark's header

and then blocked Hutton on

Kieron Richardson fired a free-kick straight at O'Don-nell before the Saddlers had

their first effort when Ash-ley Grimes volleyed over

Three minutes later it was Evans coming in from the right before finding Joey Butlin he had two efforts charged down before a Cooper snap shot from 20 yards came back

Cooper snap shot from 20 yards came back off the left angle with keeper Stuart Pearson well beaten.

On 15 minutes Wood lost the ball in a dangerous position, Jordan Cullinane-Tiburd racing away wide right, his low cross missed by both Deards and Rabone giving Luke Adams an easy clearance.

Five minutes later Deards collected a ball wide left, cut inside, went through three tackles along the byeline before being crowded out.

crowded out.

On 25 minutes Jermaine Clarke raced through the centre, only to be stopped

Mantom's return is

bonus for Saddlers

by Shawii Doutie, the ball broke Killdiy for Deards who raced into the box before calmly slotting the ball past the advancing Mario Kisiel to open the scoring.

Two minutes later from a right wing free kick Clarke's goalbound header bounced to safety off the back of goalscorer Deards.

On 31 minutes Cullinane-Tiburd crossed On 31 minutes Cullinane-Tiburd crossed from wide right, Deards cleverly headed the ball back across the keeper who jack-knifed backwards to pull off a superb fingertip save. Next it was Hughes outpacing his marker but firing wide of the advancing Kisiel and the left hand post.

On 37 minutes Anthony Juxon delivered a ball into the right of the box, Cooper ghosting in to plant a header just wide.

Back came Church through Cullinane-Tiburd who raced into the box on 42 minutes to hit a swincing drive inches wide.

utes to hit a swinging drive inches wide.

A minute later Deards raced onto a ball over the top, his chipped effort brilliantly finger-tipped away by Kisiel at full stretch.

A minute later Deards raced clear on the left, his rising drive bringing another great save from the overworked Kisiel.

It was all Church for the first 20 minutes of the second half, Kisiel denying Rabone when he raced from his box to kick clear.

Then on 61 minutes a clever ball by Rabone released Anthony Fitzmaurice into the left of the box, Evans saving Wood with a superbly timed tackle.

Carns raced into the right of the box on 83 minutes, he was tackled from behind and went down under the challenge, loud penalty appeals were turned down. Right on time a ball over the top came back off a defender straight to Harris whose first time drive from 30 yards flew wide

sign up midfielder Clifford

WALSALL have completed the signing of former Chelsea midfielder Billy Clifford on a short-term

deal.

The 21-year-old, who had been on trial with the Saddlers for the past week, has signed a contract which will initially run until January.

Clifford impressed in the 1-0 friendly defeat to Villa and now gets his chance

chance.

chance.
Walsall boss Dean
Smith said: "This deal
gives him the opportunity
to further impress.
"Already in the brief
time that he has been
with us, he's displayed
great technical ability.
"There are elements
of his game that reouire

"There are elements of his game that require work but he is aware of that and is prepared to come here on a short-term deal and work hard in a bid to earn himself a longer-term contract."

"I've been impressed by his attitude and his will-ingness to learn. He has fitted in well and I am de-lighted to add him to our squad"

Clifford, whose career has taken in loan spells at Colchester, Yeovil and at Colchester, Feovil and Royal Antwerp, signed a four-year deal at Stam-ford Bridge in 2011 but was released this summer having not made a first team appearance for the Premier League outfit.

Quality goal separates the teams

Chasetown 0 Walsall1

AN entertaining friendly saw a goal of high quality separate the sides.

separate the stodes.
Just beyond the half-hour
mark, excellent quick passing between Kane Lewis
and Rico Henry opened up
the Chasetown defence and
Brendan Pooni was in the
right place to side-foot home from close range.

Amadou Bakayoko was a whisker away from a second when his lopping header over an advancing John Bateman was cleared off the line by Chasetown skipper Chris Slater.

Chris Slater.

The home side were lively and Nathan Waite and Lee Butler had chances in quick succession which were kept out by an impressive Craig MacGillivray.

The Scholars had a golden opportunity to equalise when Nick Wellecomme was tripned inside the nearly:

tripped inside the penalty area but Lee Butler's kick was saved by MacGillivray. Walsall couldn't capitalise

Clock ticking for Baggies

BOSS Alan Irvine admits Albion are running out of time to strengthen their side before Saturday's Pre-

side before Saturday's Fre-mier League kick-off as Chris Brunt signed a deal. The Baggies head coach is targeting two wingers and a striker before the transfer window closes after adding

window closes after adding eight new faces so far.

But the Scot believes the club are unlikely to pull off any successful transfer raids before the curtain-raiser against Sunderland and reports linking them with a move for West Ham winger Matt Jarvis are said to be wide of the mark.

"We will continue to look

"We will continue to look for players," said Irvine.

Ellie puts her head down for world record



Ellie Simmonds is all smiles after adding to her medal haul at the European Championships

WALSALL'S Ellie Simmonds was "over the moon" with a world re-cord and a second victory of the IPC European Championships – despite ending her latest golden swim with a headache.

The 19-year-old beat her own S6 200m individual medley world record by more than three-tenths of a second in Eindhoven to claim gold despite banging her head during the

She set a world record in the event in Montreal almost a year ago but

bettered it last week to finish in 3min, 4.07sec and leave Ukraine's Yelyzaveta Mereshko trailing in second place.

Simmonds had previously claimed gold in the S6 400m freestyle and silver in the S6 60m freestyle.

"Every race I swim means as much to me and it was such a tough race," she said. "But I'm so over the moon to swim a world record. Twe got a bit of a headache now! I swam the butterfly and hit my head on the wall as I went into backstroke.

"On the breaststroke I could see the Ukrainian who beat me in the freestyle on Wednesday so I knew I had to give myself such a lead be-cause she could beat me on the free-

"So I just got my head down and gave it everything I had and I was so happy it was a world record."

"I knew I'd trained really hard on my 'IM' and I write down all my splits in a little book at the side of my bed where I write down what I want to achieve.

Saddlers hitmen are hungry for goals

NEW-BOY Tom Bradshaw who became a goal hero at the weekend had backed Wal-sall's new-look forward line to fire from the start this season.

start this season.
Bradshaw signed a two-year contract
with the Saddlers in June.
The 21-year-old is one of several new attacking players brought to the Banks's Stadium this summer by manager Dean Smith.
Bradshaw thanked strike partner Ashley
Grimes for the part he played in his dream
Walsall debut.

the ground running.
"Everyone is hungry to score goals," said

"Everyone is hungry to score goals," said the former Shrewsbury Town marksman.
"It is always nice to score first day of the season and I'll be aiming to do that.
"I can assure all the fans we are all champing at the bit to get off the mark and everyone is hungry to get a good result and put a good performance in."

A lack of goals scuppered the Saddlers' play-off hopes last season as they hit the net just 49 times in 46 league games.
But Bradshaw admits he is relatively oblivious to what went before and is keen on a fresh start after suffering relegation Grimes for the part he played in his dream Walsall debut.

The two debutants combined to earn the Saddlers a point in Saturday's League One opener at Port Vale, with Bradshaw netting the equaliser in a 1-1 draw.

Ashley Grimes and Jordan Cook, who will miss the start of the season with a fractured ankle, are the other arrivals so far.

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"I have heard a few people speak about it the lack of goals)," said the striker.

"But when I was with Shrewsbury and we played Walsall last year they scored about five in three games against us so there didn't seem to be much of a problem

"From what I have heard it was the big issue, but this is a new season and I'm confident we will do well."

fident we will do well."

Promotion appears to be the generally accepted target for the Saddlers this season. And Bradshaw believes it can be achieved.

He cites last season's beaten play-off finalists Leyton Orient as an example of what can be achieved on a relatively small budget.

"If you look at Leyton Orient last season, they surprised everyone," he said. "I know they missed out on promotion, but they were top for months and months.

"They are not a massive club. We have got every confidence in ourselves that we can go anywhere in this league, home and away, and get the win which is why we are

away, and get the win which is why we are targeting promotion."

Meanwhile, midfielder Jake Heath has completed a one-month loan move to Rushall Olympic.

The 19-year-old enjoyed spells at Worcester City and Leamington last season and is looking to continue his development with the Evo-Stik Premier Division side.

"I went out on loan last year and felt like I really improved," he said. "I found it to be a lot more physical than I expected and Ilearned a lot.

I learned a lot. "I was coming up against bigger and stronger lads and it definitely toughened me up."

Mantom's back

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Ellie is ahead Golden girl pulls in a world swim record

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mixed for the two finalists

STAFFORD road Saturday A and B bowls teams made the final of the Darlaston divisions cup.

visions cup.

The A team took on Pelsall and the B team were playing breakaway both of which were being played on neutral greens.

The first four went on

The first four went on Brian Lloyd 21-9 and Adrian Birch 21-12 won to cancel out the other two cards. The middle three had close games all bowling well to keep the tension on, (John platt 21-15) (ken Fencott 21-18) and (Brian Arnold 21-11).

With the last two going on this was too close to call, Stafford road were only 11 shots up but both players on

snots up but both players on the green were down.

Peter Bellanti picked up his game and managed to close the gap on his oppo-nent 18-21 which now gave Stafford road an eight point lead

lead.
At this point roger Garbett was 1-10 down, with his opponent Gary Fellows plastering the jack and bowling out of his skin, it was looking unlikely that he would get the 14 points needed for Stafford road to take victory.
Stafford road beat Pelsall by one shot.

by one shot.

by one shot.

After winning the first four out of five games, Stafford road B then went downhill.Result 155/185.

Ellie bags third gold

WALSALL'S Ellie Simmonds won her third gold of the IPC Swimming European Championships with a dominant victory in the SB6 100m breaststroke.

The 19-year-old set a new personal best of one minute 41.26 seconds to finish almost 12 seconds clear at Eindhoven and earn Britain's 27th gold of the event.

"I'm so happy to be ending this competition on such a high," said Simmonds.

Simmonds also won 200m individual medley and 400m freestyle gold in Eindhoven. Steph Slater finished with seven golds and helped the women's medley relay team to victory as GB finished with 30 gold medals.

Stephanie Millward, Claire Cashmore and Amy Marren with Slater, claimed the win in the last race, GB finished third in the table on 73 medals.

73 medals. ● Record – Page 43

Fortunes Wolves new campaign is given an Ed start

Wolves 1 Norwich 0

ONCE Dave Edwards rose to nod in Rajiv van La Parra's cross on Saturday, Wolves' return was complete.

The deserved 1-0 win over Norwich was reward for a tenacious display which Wolves had promised to deliver all summer.

Molineux must become the proverbial fortress in the Championship again. When they were relegated in 2013 they lost nine games, drawing seven and winning just seven as they conceded home ground too offen.

This time they went at Norwich, hunting

in packs and ensuring the visitors never got the chance to fully impose themselves. The fallen Canaries, relegated from the Premier League last season, were shellshocked as Wolves maintained their momentum from last season's League One title campaign.

That is not to say Wolves were pitch perfect, they were occasionally loose with possession and lacked penetration in the first half. But they were good enough. There will

be talk about a double promotion, Jackett has not done anything to dampen that, and while the result was impressive expectation must be tempered.

Fans know, from sad experience, they can help make or break their team and to add too much pressure from the terraces would surely be counter-productive. Wolves will consolidate but need to add more quality before any serious promotion charge can be mounted.

And Chris Wood, after a summer of interest, is slowly edging into view with Jackett confirming on-going talks with Leicester for

the striker. Van La Parra's dangerous de-liveries and workrate left Norwich trailing as the 23-year-old – just one of two summer arrivals – justified Jackett's transfer policy of quality, not quantity.

Olsson's dismissal turned the game and it was from Van La Parra's cross that Ed-wards' scoring run continued. After bagging six goals in his final 10 appearances last season, he netted the winner as Molineux erupted

The Championship is an unforgiving, eague but Wolves went for the jugular

Khalsa's perfect opener

Sporting Khalsa 3

Wellington Amateurs 0
A Marvin Nisbett hattrick secured Khalsa a
comfortable victory against
Wellington Amateurs, to
give Khalsa's the perfect
opening game of the new
season

Season.

Khalsa got off to a flyer as Marvin Nisbett opened his account in the fourth minute.

Five minutes later good work from Chris Henry on the wing and his cross was headed home by Marvin Nisbett to put Khalsa two goals up.

Khalsa were in full con-

Khalsa were in full control of the game and should have increased the lead but the visitor's keeper kept Khalsa at bay so they went into the break with a two good eduration. goal advantage.

goal advantage.
The second half was similar to the first with again the Sporting Khalsa squad dominating the play and creating the better of the goal scoring opportunities throughout the remainder of the metal.

throughout the remainder of the match.

It was in the last 10 minutes that Khalsa sewed up the game and scored their third through Marvin Nisbett who put the ball in the net in the 80th minute.

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NEW boys Ashley Grimes supplied the pass and Tom Bradshaw the finish just short of the hour mark to cancel out Tom Pope's first-half opener for the hosts.

Nothing is decided on the first day of the

season but there was enough here - both in defence as well as attack – for the manager, his players and supporters to remain optimistic for the nine months ahead.

months ahead.
After an opening 45 minutes in which they struggled to get to grips with the hustle and bustle of the home side, the Saddlers assumed control in the second period and looked the only winners once ex-Shrewsbury striker Bradshaw had pulled them level

Dominance

Being critical, you might say they that – just as was so often the case last term – they failed to take full advantage of their dominance. But this was a side which

featured three new faces, with a fourth coming off the bench. More attacking arrivals are likely before the month is out and the newlook line-up will take time

look ine-up with control to gel.

The biggest positive was undoubtedly the performance of Grimes.

Given the Saddlers' biggest problem last season was putting the ball in the net, there were more

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than a few eyebrows raised when Smith opted to bring in a player who failed to do exactly that for Bury in League Two.

But on this evidence, it looks a stroke of genius as the 27-year-old submitted a performance full of endeavour and skill.

performance full of endeav-our and skill.

Grimes was the visitors' best attacking player in a first half where they often appeared disjointed in the final third.

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After the break he was even better, turning and twisting in the box and seeing one shot fly narrowly over, before then having the precision to pick out Bradshaw's run in the build-up to the equaliser.

The scorer too can take pride in a clinical performance. Bradshaw had promised goals would come from the start and duly delivered, netting with his only chance of the match.

of the match.

Like Grimes, he is also a player who believes he can flourish in the environment Smith and his staff have created at the Saddlers.

The 21-year-old beamed throughout his post-match interviews.



Tom Pope wrestles with Adam Chambers during the opening match of the new season at Port vale

Lockmen let the lead slip

Willenhall 2 Gornal 2

WILLENHALL got off to the perfect start when Craig Sudlow scored after only five minutes.

In the 39th minute Jack In the 39th nimute oach Pottinger extended the lead. However, Matt Vaughan powered home a header for Gornal from a flag-kick

before Rion Francis-Mills poked home a leveller.

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